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BODIES RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK

**TWENTY-ONE HAVE
BEEN FOUND TO DATE**

**Inquiry Has Been Begun in
Seattle—The Tugs in
Search**

That section of the coast contiguous
to the wreck of the steamer Valencia



MANNING THE SURF BOAT.

Showing the men of the Egeria dropping into their boat
from the deck of the Lorne on the morning of the 25th. They are
about to set out on what proved a fruitless effort to save the lives
of the survivors in the rigging. The wreck had disappeared before
their arrival.

Is being thoroughly searched for bodies
of the unfortunate victims. There have
been 21 recovered to date, three having
been picked up yesterday and three on
Sunday. The Pacific Coast Steamship
Company have had the tug Bahada
and Wyand on the scene for the past
few days with parties aboard and the
necessary boats for surf work. There
are land parties also at work. The
steamer Salvor has also been in the
vicinity, and although on this occasion
she was ordered to the relief of a
barque reported to be drifting danger-
ously near the shore, yet it is probable
that she too will be assisting in the
search for bodies yesterday. The tug
Lorne, which was to have left Victoria
last night with a party of ten men and
with material for the making of rough
coffins, did not sail until 9.30 this morn-
ing. She had been detained outside by
a tow which she brought to the Royal
Roads about seven this morning. How
the search work will proceed to-day is
problematical. A heavy fog rests over
the straits, and while the sea is be-
lieved to be calm, it is feared in the
city that the mist will prevent the
steamers going in close to shore, and
that a view of the coast line or any
object in the water will be difficult of
obtaining.

Considerable wreckage has within
the last few days been coming in, in-
cluding large quantities of liquor, but
as all floats ashore it will be taken
possession of by the light keepers at
Carmanah and Cape Beale, these hav-
ing been appointed by the collector of
customs to assume this responsibility.
The distribution of the liquor among
the Indians and all possible looting
will thus be prevented. Among those
on the Lorne are three provincial police

officers, Conway, Carter and Deasy,
who will do all possible in aiding the
good work.

Since the wreck occurred many in-
quiries have been received in Victoria
from friends of those aboard. The
Times has already alluded to a number
of these. One which has just come to
hand and addressed to A. E. Smith,
United States consul, is from Rockford,
Ill., and is as follows:

"Description of my son Mark S.
Smith: Height about five feet six; eyes
brown and hair brown; aged 22. If
any bodies found at all like this tele-
graph and will send some one to iden-
tify him. His picture sent by mail."
(Signed) C. G. SMITH.

Since receiving the above message
Mr. Smith has visited the Marine hos-
pital, where survivor Long said that
he remembered seeing the young man
on the ship. Long said Smith was on
the deck alongside Miss Van Wyck.
Capt. Gaudin, the local agent of

asked if another man should be
selected for the work. But up till noon
to-day no reply was received.

Referring to the work now being
carried out on the West Coast, the
Times correspondent at Bamfield wired
last night as follows: "Tug Bahada
picked up a crew of Indians from
Bamfield this morning and proceeded
to try a landing at the scene of the
wreck. The Indians refused to land,
saying the sea was too high. The
Bahada lowered a dory manned by a
white crew and got quite close to
where Logan said they could land with
safety, but found that there was an
outer ridge of reefs that they could
not get through.

Logan is going to arrange to get
an Indian crew from Clooose who
know that part of the coast thorough-
ly, and if a landing can be made they
will make it.

"The Bahada is here to-night. She
will leave for Clooose in the morning
to pick up Indians." In the meanwhile
an investigation has been begun in Seattle before
the United States Inspectors of Hulls and
Boilers Whitney and Turner. Testi-
mony was introduced by Boatwain T.
J. McCarthy, showing that Captain
Johnson had great difficulty in secur-
ing a crew of men to man the boat
that was to attempt to get a line
ashore in the hope of bringing relief
to those on board. When Capt. John-
son first called for volunteers to man
the boat, there was no response, ac-
cording to the testimony of McCarthy.
Not one on board responded until Mc-
Carthy happened to see Capt. John-
son and was accused by the master
of the vessel, who said, "McCarthy,
will you go?"

On the stand McCarthy testified that
he at once volunteered, and then turned
and urged others to do so. There was
still no response. McCarthy then
says Capt. Johnson, who had become
enraged at the reluctance of the men,
cried out: "If no one will go I will go
myself."

"About 1 o'clock, just after we
struck, the captain ordered the boats
lowered to the saloon deck rail, but
cautioned the men not to launch them,
until commanded to do so. But the
passengers became excited and rush-
ed into the boats, overpowering those
in charge. Boat No. 3, which was
forward on the starboard side, was
at once filled to overflowing with
screaming, maddened, people, and
when the davits broke, because of the
great weight, they were spilled into the
sea, and lost before our eyes.

"All the life-saving apparatus, the
life belts, life rafts and lifeboats were
in perfect condition, and had been re-



JOHN SEGALIS, THE GREEK HERO

The above is a fine photograph of
this splendid fellow, who attempted,
although without success, to swim
ashore with a line, and who was
forced to return to the ship from
which he was afterwards taken on the
life raft picked up by the City of
Topeka. All the survivors declare him
to have been a magnificent swimmer,
and to have shown himself thoroughly
brave and unselfish.

We could not see the captain. The
only way we knew he was alive was
by the sound of his voice, which came
forth strong and clear.

"Many times the women were urged
to take to the boats, but they refused
to do so, and acted as horses do in a
fire—simply paralyzed with fear.

Testimony by the boatwain was dis-
jointed, and, at times, contradictory,
but the man was laboring under great
emotion, and his statements, it is
claimed, ought to be considered with
that fact in mind.

"The starboard side of the ship,
when she struck, was weather side,"
he went on. "No. 3 boat was lowered
safely, but I do not know what became
of her afterwards. She was of wood,
and was one of the largest boats
aboard, carrying forty persons. The
other boats, 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 were metal
boats.

"No. 6 got away all right. She was
manned, I think, by firemen and mates.
No. 7 was a wrecking boat and was
small. She was in charge of Assistant
Engineer Carrick. As she was lower-
ed, one of the men was unfastened, and
the people in her were spilled into the sea,
all losing their lives except Carrick,
who was pulled on board by his ship-
mates.

"Then Capt. Johnson, who seemed
almost beside himself with grief, but
who gave his orders steadily and with
good judgment, commanded that no
more boats be lowered. He said, 'I
don't want to lose all my people.' The
last boat was lowered at about 8.25



H. J. GREGORY, OF SPOKANE.

This man was variously described as
Greeky and Greasy, but there seems
no doubt that his real name was as
above. He was one of the bodies
found on the life raft at Turret Island,
as shown yesterday. It will be remem-
bered that he went insane and at-
tempted to choke Hancock, the chief
cook.

o'clock Tuesday morning. She was
ordered to pull along the beach and
try to make a landing. After a hard
fight, in which I tried my best to make
a landing, we finally got ashore about
four miles from the wreck. We
thought we were near Neah Bay at the
time."

T. Carrick, first assistant engineer
aboard the Valencia, on taking the
stand, said:

"I was not on watch at the time the
ship struck. I was asleep in my cabin,
and the third assistant engineer was
in charge. I think the boat struck
about 11.45 o'clock. It did not seem to
me then that the sea was rough. I am
pretty sure that it was calm, although
it became stormy near morning. The
weather, however, near midnight was
very thick and the night, I under-
stand, was unusually dark.

"As soon as she struck I was ordered
by Chief Engineer Downing to take
soundings in the hold. The forward
hold was dry then. After she struck
first she backed off and struck again.
I and other men in the engine room
were kept busy answering the cap-
tain's bells, which sounded all the
time.

"Finally, we found considerable
water in No. 2 hold, forward of the
bunkers. The water then rushed in
this hold at the rate of one foot a

THE NEW KING OF THE DANES

**ASCENDS THRONE IN
SIXTY-SECOND YEAR**

**Frederick Eighth of Denmark is Almost
as Popular as Was His
Father.**

(Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 30.—
Frederick VIII, the new king of Den-
mark, who will ascend the throne in
his sixty-second year, bears the weight
of his years lightly, and is almost as
popular with the people of Denmark as
was his father.

By the wish of his parents he was
brought up with great simplicity, and
his earlier education was obtained at
the town grammar school, for not until
he was 10 years old was the difficult
question of his father's succession to
the Danish throne finally settled. It
was Frederick's curious fate to see his
younger brother and his own son be-
come reigning monarch of Greece and
Norway respectively, while he himself
was still an heir apparent.

The new king has been highly popu-
lar since his earliest youth. His bear-
ing is stately and his manner quiet.
He is noted for his culture and pos-
sesses many foreign distinctions.

While seldom identifying himself
openly with political questions, he has
taken an active part in all public
movements, and is a constant attend-
ant at all important debates in the
Riksdag. He is chancellor of the Co-
penhagen university, and head of the
Free Masons of Denmark, and is well
known as a promoter of all philan-
thropic objects. His interest is in the
army, of which he is inspector-general,
and he has introduced several reforms,
which have improved the lot of the
private soldiers, as the result of which
he is extremely popular with the
troops.

Little can be predicted as to the new
king's public policy.

The new queen, Louise, is reputed to
be the tallest and richest princess in
Europe. She is a handsome woman of
the blonde type. The new queen in-
herited large fortunes, both from
Prince Frederick of Netherlands and
Prince Charles of Sweden. Neverthe-

less she and her husband have adher-
ed to the plainness and simplicity char-
acteristic to the Danish court, showing
the nation the happy spectacle of a
united couple living on terms of the
closest affection and sympathy with
their eight children. Though they have
paid many visits to foreign courts,
they are essentially a home-keeping

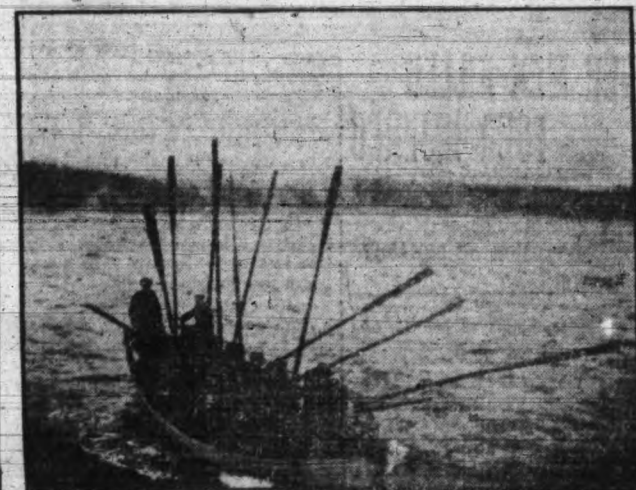
couple when compared with most other
royal personages. Frederick is credited with having a
less determined character than his
father, while it is whispered that the
new queen possesses the stronger char-
acter of the two, and possibly this lat-
ter fact will have considerable influ-
ence on the policy of the new king.
Both are deeply imbued with the re-
ligious convictions.

Proclaimed King.

Copenhagen, Jan. 30.—Frederick VIII
was proclaimed King of Denmark at
noon to-day in Amalienborg square in
front of the palace. The ceremony
lasted only a few minutes.

The premier appeared on the balcony
of the palace and announced to the
50,000 persons assembled the death
of King Christian IX. and the ascen-
sion of his eldest son. The premier
then called for cheers for King Fred-
erick VIII.

The new ruler of Denmark joined the
premier on the balcony, and in a short
speech declared that he would rule in
accordance with the example set him
by his father, and trusted that the



THE RETURN.

Lieut. Knight Reporting the Failure of his Mission to the Lorne:
"Everybody gone."

same accord between the king and the
nation would continue as heretofore.

His Majesty concluded with calling
for cheers for the fatherland.

King Frederick received a warm-
hearted greeting from the assembled

but others of them, attracted by our
equable climate and picturesque scen-
ery, to make it their permanent home.
Among these Kenneth Mackenzie, a
well known pioneer of Portage la
Prairie district, and for many years a
member of the local legislature, is per-
haps the most noteworthy. He has
farmed there for over thirty years,
and his sons have followed in his
career of success. Mr. Mackenzie, at
some months ago acquired the "fine
house and grounds on the Gorge road
once owned by Mr. McLellan, and will
make it his permanent home. His
eldest son, Adam, is just now a visitor
with him, and has also invested in an
excellent house and three lots in the
Beacon Hill district, which he will use
as a winter residence, attending to his
extensive eastern interests in the busy
season.

A welcome caller last week at the
Times office was Mr. Richard Waugh,
for twenty years editor of the "Nor-
west Farmer," and still a popular
writer and lecturer on agricultural
topics. Mr. Waugh is spending a few
weeks in the west, enjoying our genial
atmosphere in preference to taking
part in the Winnipeg bospital, in
which his sons are well known com-
petitors, one of them being president
for the year. Curiously enough, his
very first article on agricultural men
and things in the new west was a
generally appreciative sketch of Mr.
Mackenzie which appeared in the
Winnipeg Free Press twenty years
ago. We reproduce that article with

(Continued on page 3.)



THE BROKEN MAINMAST.

From a Sketch by the Times Artist.

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ed to the plainness and simplicity char-
acteristic to the Danish court, showing
the nation the happy spectacle of a
united couple living on terms of the
closest affection and sympathy with
their eight children. Though they have
paid many visits to foreign courts,
they are essentially a home-keeping

crowd, whose cheers mingled enthusi-
astically with the national anthem.

At the distribution of prizes to the
Chertsey (Eng.) volunteers, Colonel Pow-
ell suggested to the wives of the men
that volunteering was an excellent way
of getting rid of their husbands for one
evening a week.



THE SURF AT THE WRECK.

Showing the Sea Running off the Point where the Valencia Lay, on the Morning Following the Wreck.
Whaler Orion Standing Close Inshore.



NEARING THE SURF.

The Sailors Approaching the Shore, as Seen from the Tug Lorne.

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THREE MEN KILLED FOUR INJURED

BY THE PREMATURE
EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

Victims Were Employed at Railway
Construction Camp—Dr. Bryce
Visiting the West.

Keewatin, Ont., Jan. 28.—Three men were killed and four injured by premature explosion of dynamite at Peterson's construction camp on the C. P. R. six miles west of here this afternoon. The killed and injured were all Swedes.

Health Officer's Trip.
Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—Dr. P. H. Bryce, Dominion health officer of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday on his way to Vancouver. Dr. Bryce is going there to take over the new detention hospital that has been erected by the C. P. R. The new hospital is for the purpose of quarantining all emigrants, and will have a capacity for 100. The building was erected by the railway company, and on February 1st will be taken over by the Dominion government. Dr. Bryce will go on to Victoria, and expects to be away a month on an inspection tour.

Destructive Blaze.
Blairmore, Jan. 28.—Fire, which was probably started by a tramp, last night, destroyed P. Grandie's warehouse; Marcous & M. Ross' stores, D. C. Drain's hotel and Potter's store. Marcous' loss is \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance; M. Ross' loss is \$2,000, insurance, \$1,000, and D. C. Drain's loss is \$2,000, insurance \$1,000. The entire town had a narrow escape.

Conservative Convention.
Carberry, Man., Jan. 28.—The provincial Conservative convention concluded its sessions here to-day. Among the resolutions adopted was one, expressing confidence in Mr. Bowden, another asking for free rural mail delivery wherever practicable and public control of public utilities.

Basketball.
Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 28.—Lethbridge defeated Calgary in a basketball match here yesterday by a score of 13 to 1, before 500 people. The weather was simply perfect, the thermometer registering 53 above.

A Centenarian.
Algon, Man., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Henry Argue, one of the pioneers of this district, will be 100 years old on 11th of August next. She has lived in three centuries and under five sovereigns.

Tariff Commission.
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28.—The tariff commission met here to-day. Halifax interests ask that the preferential tariff be so amended as only to apply to goods imported into Canada via Canadian ports. At the present time a large quantity of these imports come in via American ports. They also ask that a bounty of \$4 per ton be paid upon shipping constructed; and a bounty was asked for the production of iron ore, it being alleged that if this were granted large areas would be developed in Nova Scotia.

Inhaled Coal Gas.
Brookville, Jan. 28.—While sleeping, the family of W. Thompson, a farmer living adjacent to Cardinal, inhaled coal gas from a defective stove. The first to awaken was barely able to open the window. He aroused the others, some of whom were very ill. All re-

covered with the exception of a 10-year-old boy, who died during the day.

Re-Elected.
Kingston, Jan. 28.—To-day's election to fill the vacancy in the Ontario legislature through the unseating of E. J. Penne for bribery and corruption by agents, resulted in the return of E. J. Penne (Liberal), who defeated D. M. McIntyre (Conservative) by 38 in the last general election the majority of Penne was 20.

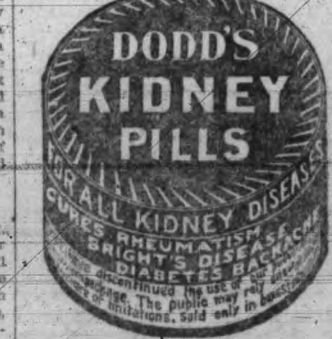
Outrage at Amherst.
Amherst, N. S., Jan. 28.—A dastardly outrage was committed in Suringhill last night when the office of the Tribune was broken into and the type taken. Some was destroyed, the balance being strewn through the main street. It will take three or four days to get the plant in shape to issue another paper. The Tribune has taken a leading part in civic matters, advocating civic reform in the coming town elections.

Awarded Lyell Medal.
Montreal, Jan. 28.—Dr. Frank D. Adams, professor of geology in McGill University, has been awarded the Lyell medal by the Geological Society of London. The medal, which was founded by the great geologist, Sir Charles Lyell, Bart., F. R. S., is given annually, or from time to time, as a mark of honorary distinction and as an expression on the part of the governing body of the society, that the medalist, who may be of any country, has deserved well of the society. Dr. Adams is the second Canadian to receive this honor, the medal having been awarded to Sir William Dawson in 1881.

IN COLLISION.
New York, Jan. 28.—The Times says: "The Belgian freight steamer Calderon has a hole in her port-bow almost big enough for a horse and wagon to go through, fourteen freight cars loaded with shingles are in the bottom of the new York bay and a New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad float is ashore on the northern shore of Governor's island, as the result of a collision in which the Calderon, a tug and two floats figured yesterday. The accident happened off the battery, and was due to the inability of the tug to get out of the way of the big freighter in time to prevent the smash-up. The lone man who was on board the float when the Calderon crashed into it was rescued by the crew of the tug Fred B. Dalziel, the craft that was guiding the Calderon out."

GOLF IN MEXICO.
Mexico City, Mex., Jan. 27.—The Americans won from the Canadians yesterday at the San Pedro golf links by four strokes. Percy Barratt and three local amateurs defended Canada, while Bernard Nichols and three local amateurs defended America.

KING ALFONSO'S MARRIAGE.
Paris, Jan. 27.—It is announced that the wedding of King Alfonso and Princess Ena will take place in April.



SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE

PROTECTION OF LIFE
ALONG WEST COAST

Resolutions of Citizens Meeting Adopted
and Special Committee Appointed
For Prompt Action.

A special meeting of the board of trade was held last evening, being summoned to consider means for providing better protection on the West Coast, and also the steamship service on Puget Sound. There was a large attendance, and shortly after 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by President Patterson.

C. H. Lugin opened the proceedings by referring to the recent wreck of the Valencia, and said that it had been suggested to him that a vessel should cruise off Flattery, and be prepared to render assistance in case of need. For certain periods of the year fog and bad weather prevailed, and under such circumstances he thought that the governments of the United States and Canada should take such action, and this immediately. As to telegraphy, he said that since the recent wreck, the telegraph company were taking action, and no later than coming to the meeting he had been advised by a telegraph representative that a better service would be established. Experienced mariners had assured him that it was possible to improve matters as at present. As to inspection of vessels he believed that such examination as given at present was of a most satisfactory character.

As to the Clallam disaster, it had been proved that the life buoys, boats, etc., particularly an improvement in the fog horn at Cape Beale was needed. As to the proposed trail, it would call for a very heavy expenditure. There were points along the proposed route where linesmen of the telegraph system had to pass over ravines in a basket from side to side.

Capt. Cox moved that a committee be appointed consisting of the harbor and navigation committee of the board with power to add to their number, and that they report at their earliest possible convenience.

J. J. Shallock suggested that the subject be pressed and pressed without delay. There were too many wrecks on the coast, and too much time lost in preliminaries.

Mr. Lugin suggested that the Merchants' Service Guild be invited to lend their services.

Elliott S. Rowe suggested that the resolution of the public meeting be adopted as passed on Friday evening last. The secretary by request read the resolution as passed at the meeting in question, and published in the Times. Of that vessel were not at all what they should be. Men who would pass such an equipment as that proved to exist on the Clallam would pass anything. A more satisfactory examination was necessary if the lives of passengers were to be preserved. On the point of guards, these were pronounced as defective. Boat drill was also reported to him as defective, especially on Vancouver Island.

Col. Prior suggested that they should hear from seafaring men on the point.

Capt. J. G. Cox said that he had read the resolutions passed at the citizens' meeting, with a great deal of which he agreed. As to Mr. Lugin's suggestion that a moving ship be placed there, he did not think that it would be practicable. What was wanted was a number of lights with telegraphic service. The trails along the coast should be cleared, but the point was to prevent vessels coming ashore, and this could only be done by establishing lights. He thought that a committee of practical men should be appointed to enquire into the matter and report.

Capt. Troup would like to say a word in support of what Capt. Cox had said as to the western shore. Along the Washington coast the currents were different to those on the west coast of Vancouver Island. He would like to see the average shipmaster forced to carry up-to-date charts of Vancouver Island. Here there were many harbors of refuge if they were only known. Barkley Sound, for instance, was a safe harbor, and light or two in the immediate vicinity would be of the greatest assistance. The Carmanah foghorn should be improved. At Cape Beale a better alarm system was badly needed. The time had come when something practicable should be done. There should also be a thorough good-trail-out along the dangerous points, and this work the government should be called upon to do. One or two up-to-date life boats should also be provided here as elsewhere. One of these should be at Barkley Sound and one at the entrance of San Juan. Sheet charts and better information as to lights, etc., should also be supplied to all vessels coming into these ports. He doubted

the utility of wireless telegraphy, but favored a telegraphic sounding system which communicated from the vessel to the shore, and vice versa, with great success on the Atlantic coast, and proved effective within five or six miles of the coast.

Mr. Lugin explained that his idea was to have the wireless telegraphy used where the other was inaccessible. At present it was almost impossible to get a message from Cape Beale in a storm, because the storm which wrecked the vessel also wrecked the telegraph wire.

Ex-Ald. Beckwith was of the opinion that there was neglect in the matter of aids to navigation along the coast. Mr. Shallock asked if an appropriation were likely to be made before the red tape of inspection and report by an official. If not he would like to see something done to have an immediate appropriation made.

Capt. Cox was in favor of the resolution of the public meeting, although he did not think it went far enough.

H. F. Bullen favored the making of correct charts of the coast, so as to show mariners where the safe harbors or refuge spots are.

Mr. Shallock, seconded by Mr. Rowe, moved that immediate and large expenditure was necessary to improve navigation conditions on the coast, the necessity of which was shown by recent events, and that the Federal government be pressed to prompt action. He added that the resolution be telegraphed to Ottawa, and that the local senators and representatives be also communicated with, and requested to use their influence. Also that copies be sent to Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

A long discussion ensued as to whether the board should adopt in their entirety the resolutions passed at the citizens' meeting of Friday last.

Mr. Lugin thought it would be an unfortunate thing if the board refused to endorse the expressly defined resolutions of 600 citizens assembled in public meeting and supplied by the mariners of the port.

It was ultimately decided to adopt the resolutions passed at the public meeting, and Mr. Cox's motion providing for a committee.

H. A. Munn suggested that the Pacific Coast Co. should be reminded that marine architecture was a progressive science. The boats put on between here and San Francisco were not at all what they should be, and that a change was demanded and a better service supplied.

In this connection Mr. Shallock moved, seconded by Mr. Heincken:

"This extraordinary general meeting of the Board of Trade specially called to consider the report that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had agreed with the Alaska Steamship Company, as will present the service between Victoria and the Sound being left to the sole care of the steamer Whatcom, whereas, centres to protest most emphatically against any such arrangements, and particularly during the dangerous winter season, and this meeting requests the council of the Board of Trade to call the attention of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the understanding reached with the citizens of Victoria at the time of the loss of the steamer Clallam, also owned by the Alaska Steamship Company, whereby the Princess Beatrice was placed on the route, and to take such other measures as will present the service between Victoria and the Sound being left to the sole care of the steamer Whatcom, or similar craft."

The secretary read the agreement drafted by the merchants of the city at the time the C. P. R. put their boat on the service. "The merchants undertook to support the company."

Capt. Troup explained that on the face of the agreement one would have expected that the Princess Beatrice would have all the traffic. When the service was inaugurated they expected the entire support of the shippers, but the company found that the support accorded them did not warrant the arrangement. He quoted figures to show that the Princess Beatrice would be a reasonable to meet the demands of the trade.

Several members insisted cases in which there was unreasonable delay in the handling of goods by the present arrangement, and contended that this was injurious to the trade of the port.

Mr. Shallock drew attention to the fact that the Canadians were now bound to accept vessels passed in United States ports, which was not at all acceptable. The Whatcom was not a satisfactory service, and the feeling distinctly was that the Princess Beatrice should be on the route. There were numerous complaints on the subject, and he hoped the C. P. R. for their own credit sake would not allow such a boat on the run. Such a service was injurious to the trade of Victoria.

Mr. Todd complained that the C. P. R. should have taken upon themselves to make an arrangement with the Alaska Steamship Co. without consulting the merchants who had entered into the agreement.

Mr. Bullen remarked that his company had no complaint against the C. P. R. Mr. Leiser said that was not his experience, nor the experience of other shippers in Victoria.

Mr. Andrews denounced the Whatcom as a dangerous old hull that he would not like to send a friend of his on. He did not think it fair on the part of the C. P. R. to make a change—such a disagreeable change—without consulting the shippers of Victoria.

Col. Prior pointed out that it was a matter of dollars and cents; if the trade warranted it, the company would improve the service.

After some further discussion the motion was put and carried, and the meeting adjourned.

The savings banks of Italy contain over \$600,000,000.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FORKS.

Ald. Macdonald's new liquor license by-law is to come before the council at once and is expected to settle the license trouble now existing.

The Oro Denoro property at Summit-camp is now making daily shipments of 250 tons of ore, 100 tons being treated by the Dominion Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood, while the remainder goes to the Granby smelter. Owing to this big ore output more men will be added to the present force immediately. It is estimated that within two months the property will be shipping at least 300 tons per day.

The association in this city is in the

KAMLOOPS.

Wednesday's east-bound passenger train was overtaken and run into by a freight at Thompson Sliding, derailling the Wind truck of the rear Pullman, but fortunately, without causing injury to any of the passengers. Engineer Sweeney and Fireman Bain jumped from the freight engine after putting on the brakes, etc. A break in the steam pipes on the passenger caused a delay. Conductor George Risteen sent back one of the crew with a flag to protect the rear. Shortly after starting up again the trouble returned, necessitating another stop, and before the flagman could be sent back the freight overtook them, and ran into the Pullman. Fireman Bain received some painful but minor injuries, having, unfortunately, jumped into a culvert.

VANCOUVER.

A large congregation assembled in St. John's church Friday evening to participate in the services connected with the induction of Rev. A. J. MacGillivray to the pastorate. The services were conducted under the direction of the Presbytery of Westminster, and by its appointment, Rev. Mr. Gilliam of the Presbyterian church, North Vancouver, preached.

At a meeting of the Board of School Trustees on Friday a communication was read from the secretary of the Victoria School Trustees, to the holding of the British Columbia Trustees' convention. The letter pointed out that the chairman of the Vancouver board is president of the convention, and upon him devolves the responsibility of calling the convention. The members of the Victoria and Westminster boards strongly urged the calling of the convention on some date before the middle of February, so that questions might be brought before the House. Trustee Ramsay moved that a communication be sent to the secretary of the convention, suggesting that the date be February 20th, and that the chairman be requested to act accordingly; also that the secretary write to the various boards asking for suggestions regarding subjects to be dealt with. The motion was agreed to.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

R. Sharpe has awarded the contract for rebuilding the Fraser river mill, which was recently destroyed by fire, to Schaeke's Iron Works Company. The new mill will be equipped with the latest machinery, and its capacity will be slightly more than that of the old mill. It will be constructed on modern fireproof lines, with corrugated iron roof, etc. The work on the structure is to be started at once, and the contract calls for its completion within ten weeks, so the buzz of the sawmill will again be heard on the old mill site within a very short time.

The board of school trustees has decided that there must be increased accommodation at the Central school right away, and it is the intention to have another wing of four rooms added to the brick building as quickly as possible. Work will be started on the building just as soon as the weather becomes favorable for building, and it is expected that it will be finished and ready for occupation by September 1st. The appropriation for the building has not yet been passed, but the trustee board and the city council recognize that it is an absolute necessity.

MIDWAY.

A fatal accident occurred at the camp, conducted by George Chew on the construction of the V. & W. railway Thursday afternoon, by which one man was killed and another lost an eye. A gang of men were engaged in clearing a piece of ground for the station, yards, and some blasting was necessary. A hole had been drilled and sprung and made ready for the powder. Seven kegs had been successfully tamped, but in pouring in the contents of the eighth keg the powder jammed in and the tamping stick could not loosen. In order to force the powder to the bottom a heavy iron drill was used, and almost at the first blow the charge exploded. Tom Kane was hurled fifty feet in the air and struck the ground almost a hundred feet away from where he had been working. Men ran to his assistance, but he was instantly killed. He was terribly mangled. Dan Tobey, who was working with him, received the powder in the face and was fearfully burned; his chin being the only portion of his face not touched. He is in terrible agony, and in the event of recovery will be totally blind. Both men were expert rock and powder men.

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SERVICE RENEWED.
Shinano Maru Again in the Trans-Pacific Trade—En Route to Victoria.

E. R. Stephens, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company, has been advised of the departure from Yokohama of the Shinano Maru. She left Yokohama on the 23rd of January with 130 passengers. For Victoria the ship has 100 tons of cargo. The steamer will be followed by the Kanagawa Maru and Izu Maru. A monthly service will be maintained until May, when the regular fortnightly schedule in force prior to the outbreak of the war between Japan and Russia, will once more go into effect.

THE NEW EMPRESS.
Glasgow, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Gardie, wife of the managing director of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Co., Govan, christened the magnificent new Canadian Pacific steamship, the Empress of Ireland, built for the Montreal, Quebec and Liverpool trade, which was launched on Saturday.

After the christening ceremony the guests adjourned to the company's rooms where a lunch was enjoyed, followed by speeches. In the course of which the Canadian Pacific Co. received the heartiest congratulations upon the happy conclusion of the day's functions and the addition to their large fleet of this magnificent steamship and her sister ship the Empress of Britain, now lying in the fitting out basin of the Fairfield company. The advent of these steamships in May next, representing as they do the most advanced type of modern shipbuilding, will mark a new epoch in Canadian shipping.

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KING EDWARD.
Injury to Ankle Required Careful Treatment, but His Majesty Has Almost Entirely Recovered.

London, Jan. 28.—King Edward, who since the accident in November last, when he fractured his ankle, has been spending most of his time at country homes, will come to London to-morrow. It is learned that the injury to his ankle was more serious than reported at the time. It has required almost continuous rest and the most careful treatment, but His Majesty has now almost entirely recovered. His health is excellent otherwise. He pursues an active outdoor life as much as possible. Even while suffering from his injured ankle he continued shooting from a pony cart or an automobile.

AERONAUT DEAD.
London, Jan. 28.—Stanley Spencer, the aeronaut, died at Malta to-day while on his way home from India.

Football was a crime in England during the reign of Henry VIII.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Miss H. Connack, A. C. Ebrham, T. E. Hartley, M. R. Huston, Arthur Berwick, W. W. Potts, H. Allis, F. J. Heck, Mrs. J. Henley, Roger E. Greene, Jr., Mrs. Irene M. Smith, Mrs. M. Newell, Thos. Hamilton, S. K. Harvie, Mrs. Harvie, S. Malcolm, J. J. Malcolm, F. Malcolm, Wm. Randall, Mrs. Randall, W. H. Collins, Frank Cassett, H. S. Nolen, Chas. Fulton, D. Tindall, Geo. S. Kingsbury, Carleton Ostrander, Victor Hyde, Nettie Heide, Nicolas Haidama, John Cain, W. C. Drain.

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Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—F. R. Stewart & Co., E. G. Prior & Co., J. H. Todd & Sons, Hinton Elee Co., Vie Lum Mfg. Co.

Emperor William's birthday was celebrated Saturday with the usual observations, says a Berlin dispatch. After religious services in the castle chapel, which were attended by the ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries, the latter tendered their congratulations. Emperor William was born in 1849, and became emperor on June 15th, 1888.

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AT THE THEATRES.
The Pollards at the Victoria—Return of the Watson Company.

The "Gaiety" was presented at the Victoria theatre last evening by the Pollard stock company, and as usual the entertainment was of a high order.

Although "The Gaiety" has been presented here on several occasions, it has not lost any of its charm, and that the audience that night appreciated the clever work of the juveniles was demonstrated by hearty applause.

To-night the "Gaiety" will appear in "A Runaway Girl" at to-morrow's matinee. "The Gaiety Girl" will be presented, and the engagement here will be brought to a close at night when "An American Millionaire" will hold the boards.

Watson's Theatre.
The Watson stock company received a hearty welcome on its return to the Watson theatre last evening, after an absence of one week.

The company made its reappearance in that most thrilling of all detective stories, "An Incident in the Life of Sherlock Holmes," and as usual a capacity house witnessed the performance.

Twenty members of the company seemed to enter right into the spirit of his or her part, and the result was a performance that went without a hitch.

The people effects are deserving special mention, and the sensational finale of the third act drew unstinted applause.

Three more performances of this excellent play will be given—today, Saturday matinee on Wednesday, and the last performance on Wednesday night.

Starting on Thursday, the stirring English drama, "British Born" will be presented.

Next week, Manager Watson has a most interesting surprise in store for the patrons of the Watson. Details will not be made public until later in the week.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

PREMIER GAVE MORE THAN DEWDNEY ASKED

Clarifying Inconsistencies Shown by Opposition—Attorney-General Is Also Counsel For Sun-Life Co'y.

Victoria, January 29th.
The legislature spent nearly all afternoon in a discussion of the premier's bill for the disincorporation of Dewdney and the relief for the indebtedness of that municipality. The more the bill is discussed, the more objectionable it appears, and the greater is the need shown for the fullest investigation by a committee into the circumstances connected with the history of the transaction. The members of the government fail to give anything like an adequate explanation of these, and only with the greatest difficulty is the opposition enabled to get the facts. It has now been made known that the Sun-Life Insurance Company, which holds the debentures, also is interested in the mortgages on many of the farms in the district. By the bill the company will be enabled to derive assistance in the first instance in levying its payments on the lands held under mortgage, and second, by getting remuneration for the debt due to it under the dyking loan. The solicitor of the Sun Life is acknowledged to be the attorney-general. The opposition to-day took serious objection to proceeding with the bill without some information. The premier gave apparently by just as determined that nothing should be given which would assist the legislature. His following manfully stood behind the premier, however, and voted with him on every occasion as slavishly as any party ever did in the history of politics. The leader of the opposition and other speakers on his side showed up the gross injustice of the measure as opposed to the province as a whole and the majority of residents of Dewdney in particular; but the Conservative side, pledged to see the bill through in its present shape, turned a deaf ear to all argument and simply set back and refused to pay its own obligations. The premier even admitted that he gave to the people of Dewdney better than they asked. He proposes to give \$10,000 from the provincial treasury to wiping out the indebtedness of that municipality. The bill was the extension of the time for repaying it.

Private Bills.

Prayers were read by Rev. G. K. B. Adams.

The following private bills were introduced, read a first time and referred to the railway committee:

By W. J. Bowser, a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the British Columbia Northern Railway Company."

By J. F. Garden, a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Company."

The petition from Arnold B. Kealy and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the municipality of North Vancouver, was received.

Returns Presented.

Hon. R. F. Green presented a return of all correspondence between any member of the government and the attorney-general, and the attorney-general, in regard to the Victoria and Nanaimo trunk road passing through the municipality of North Cowichan.

Also, of all correspondence between the government, or any employee of the government, and the North Cowichan municipality, in relation to the interests of joint owners and those interested in a mine.

The minister of finance introduced an amendment to provide for cases such as have arisen on Vancouver Island, where the owners of coal lands had disposed of the land and not the coal.

Mr. Macdonald quickly pointed out that the amendment seemed to be wrongly constructed. It would embrace an instance of the owner of land disposing of the coal underlying it. What was needed was something to deal with the owner of coal disposing of the land. He suggested that the section should stand over.

After consultation with the attorney-general this plan was adopted and the section laid over.

The committee arose, and reported progress.

The bill for the relief and disincorporation of the municipality of Dewdney was committed, with W. G. Cameron in the chair.

John Oliver wanted evidence to show that there was the deficit represented in the municipality. It was an important matter.

Premier McBride said that the Provincial Gazette showed that the by-laws had been passed. The motion for the dykes was borrowed in 1892 on the credit of the municipality. It looked as if the opposition intended to fight every inch of this bill. The legislature was not asked to do for this district what was done for other dyking districts last year. The municipality had never disputed the liability.

Mr. Oliver said although the money was borrowed in 1892, the first annual payment had not yet been paid. What was the cause of this leniency on the part of the loan company? Was it usual for companies to do this and allow fourteen years to elapse without the payment being made? This was not done in the case of Surrey, where the sheriff was put in charge.

The by-laws were never legally passed. There was no provision for a court of revision. The companies therefore had no legal claim for this money.

Premier McBride said these moneys had been paid over by the Sun Life company to the municipality. This had been done in good faith, the municipality paid only about one year's interest to the company. The municipality had never disowned the debt or disputed the liability.

The member for Delta held that if there was any little technicality which had not been provided for, that the liability should not be acknowledged. If this were proper, then the legislation passed last year should be gone into.

Mr. Oliver showed that the premier was simply trying to attract attention from the question. When the opposition was asked to go into the facts connected with this bill, the premier in refusing said that he would give the fullest information.

It would be interesting to know who were the holders of the mortgages on these Dewdney lands. He was informed it was the Sun-Life and the Yorkshire Guarantee companies. These companies were therefore asking for \$10,000 to aid themselves.

It would be interesting to know also who were the holders of these companies. Hon. Charles Wilson said he was counsel for the Sun Life.

Perhaps the attorney-general is solicitor for the Yorkshire Guarantee Company, said Mr. Oliver.

"No, I am not," replied the attorney-general.

Mr. Macdonald said that the argument used in support of the measures of last year with respect to the dyking legislation was that those who were interested in these lands had been saddled with too heavy liabilities through the incompetency of the servants of previous governments. The legislature was asked to give relief in view of the extravagance for which the people interested were not responsible. This was a different thing to asking the legislature to assume the liabilities of these people who had assumed the liabilities themselves and had never attempted to pay them off. This bill went further than the people of Dewdney asked for. The people of Dewdney asked the government to pay off the liabilities and spread the repayment of it over thirty-five years. The government proposed, however, to go farther than was asked for and offered \$10,000. If the people of the municipality of Dewdney had paid its ordinary taxes like other municipalities there would not be this indebtedness. What would other municipalities say if this were done, namely, the paying of the debts of a municipality which sat back and refused to pay its own obligations? Other municipalities would, naturally, say why should they not share in this relief. This was a dangerous principle to introduce. If a municipality or a corporation was to have its liabilities shifted to the province whenever misfortune came, what would be the result?

He thought the whole matter should be referred to a committee. He did not favor confiscation or repudiation of debts. If it were found that the municipality had a just debt he would not favor repudiating the debt. But it was encouraging repudiation to pay off municipalities repudiating their debts and throwing upon the province the right to pay it.

This government, which was without pity in setting out the poor settler for taxes, was now coming to the legislature and asking it to assume the liabilities of municipalities which repudiated their debts. What justification Mr. Hawthorthwaite could show for the owners of 14,000 acres of land in Dewdney not affected by the dykes being saddled with the expense incurred for the benefit of 3,000 acres inside the dyking district.

The premier said the money was borrowed on the credit of the municipality. Mr. Oliver said the premier well knew that these people had no power to protest.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that he neither knew nor cared about the conditions connected with the case. He did not care for petty issues. This opposition was only the left wing of the government. It was not a real opposition. Whenever any question came up affecting the corporate interests the opposition lined up with the government, in support of those interests and against members who were opposed to them.

Mr. Oliver said that the member for Nanaimo acknowledged that he did not take interest enough in the bill to acquaint himself with the conditions and was not qualified to pass an opinion on it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver wanted to know what the position of Mr. Hawthorthwaite was, who never rose except to defend the government, who was referred to by the attorney-general as the most efficient orator in the legislature; where did Mr. Hawthorthwaite get his defence for using these God-given gifts in defending the most incompetent government the province has ever known?

Mr. Macdonald said that he had asked the acting premier (McBride) a question and got no answer. He was now going to ask the real premier, Mr. Hawthorthwaite. It was Mr. Hawthorthwaite who always rose to defend the government when others of his colleagues in cabinet positions were silent. Mr. Macdonald asked the premier from Nanaimo why the government had decided to grant \$10,000 towards paying this indebtedness when the people of the municipality did not ask for it, but only for an extension of the time for paying off the indebtedness incurred. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hawthorthwaite acknowledged with thanks the reference to himself as premier. He said the only trouble about it was that it was a little premature. He aspired yet to be premier. In explanation of the question asked by the leader of the opposition, he might say that possibly the leader of the government was no cold-blooded nor so heartless as members opposite. He perhaps, in view of this, did not care to deal so heartlessly with the farmers as the opposition would do. It was all very well for the opposition to keep ears of sympathy as big as cricket balls for these farmers, but say you cannot have our votes. When the Point Ellice bridge accident occurred an appeal for aid was made by the city of Victoria to the legislature and a large grant made. He hoped the time would never come when the legislature would refuse its sympathy for unfortunate cases.

Mr. Oliver said the premier might have about him much of the milk of kindness for the people of his own constituency, but there was little of the cream. He had been nine years in the house representing the constituency and only now proposed relief.

In order to give the premier an opportunity to set the facts in connection with this he moved that the committee rise and report progress.

This motion was lost.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite, Parker Williams and A. H. B. Macgowan did not vote the first time. Being asked by the speaker how he voted, Mr. Macgowan said he voted the same as Mr. Hawthorthwaite. The latter said he did not vote at all. Being reminded that those who did not vote were counted with the affirmative, Mr. Macgowan finally voted with the government against the committee rising.

Mr. Oliver, in discussing section 2, providing for the appropriation of \$25,000 out of the revenue of the province to pay off the liabilities of Dewdney, said that he found that of the dyking works that one of them was a member of the House at present.

J. F. Garden asked if he was referred to.

Mr. Oliver said "yes."

Mr. Garden said he was not the engineer who made the estimation. It was his firm, but he had nothing to do with the work personally.

Mr. Oliver said that the estimated cost was \$30,000. Yet, what was remarkable in British Columbia contracts, it was constructed at \$15,000, or a little over half. Mr. Oliver then went into the whole question of the work and their method of construction.

He was informed that \$10,000 would put the works in repair. In fact, he would take the contract at that price.

Mr. Oliver moved again that the committee rise, which was voted down by the government.

R. J. Drury asked for an explanation of the \$25,000 to redeem all the outstanding debentures. He wished to know if this was connected with the dyking scheme.

The premier explained that this was largely expended on roads, which were swept away in the floods.

J. K. Brown thought something more than a very general statement by the premier was necessary before the House was called upon to pass legislation, which seemed so perilous in character as this. There was proposed to be incorporated in this sum money not connected with the dyking scheme.

Mr. Drury thought it might be better to entitle this bill one for the relief of the Sun Life Insurance Company and the Yorkshire Guarantee Company. This bill proposed to go away beyond the dyking loan and include other expenditures. This should not be done in the case of people who for six years had refused to pay any taxes. There were quite as great hardships incurred in meeting the taxes in the city of Victoria in many instances as there were in Dewdney.

The section passed.

Mr. Henderson proposed to put in the words "for the Sun Life Insurance Company," which would make it clear that the \$25,000 was granted to that company to redeem all the outstanding debentures.

On coming to section 3 Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved that sections 3 to 15 inclusive be struck out, which would make the appropriation of \$25,000 to the province to the municipality absolute.

Mr. Drury took a point and asked if it was in order or whether the sections would not have to be treated one at a time.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite took exception to what he contended were "contemptible tactics" of the opposition in connection with his amendment.

Mr. Macdonald contended that the member for Nanaimo on a point of order, in making an application for a clearance card, which was received by the lodge with regret.

The lodge then went into harmony, and the following programme was carried out: Bro. Greenwood, song; Bro. Sample, recitation; Bro. Stancombe, song; Bro. McIntyre, recitation; Bro. Robinson, song; Bro. Wilkinson, song; and Bro. Cooper, song.

Speeches were then made. Bro. Gladstone, a distinguished temperance worker of Liverpool, England, spoke in general of the Good Templar work in the British Isles, and particularly of the progress it is making in the British army. Concluding, Bro. Gladstone conveyed his fraternal wishes from the home lodge to the Victoria West lodge.

The Grand Chief Templar then gave a most interesting and encouraging address, pointing out the rapid progress being made, not only in British Columbia, but in all Good Templar lodges of the world, supporting this statement with several convincing details.

After the Grand Chief Templar had concluded his speech, the superintendent

Mr. Hawthorthwaite, then suggested that the member for Rossland should frame a set of rules intended for Sunday school.

Mr. Oliver held that the amendment was in order.

The Premier thought the amendment was in order.

The amendment of Mr. Hawthorthwaite was accordingly ruled out of order.

Mr. Drury wanted to know if it was proposed to make the people of Dewdney after disincorporation pay the ordinary provincial taxation in addition to the extra charge under this bill.

The Premier said this was proposed. Mr. Drury could not see how it could be expected that people who for six years could not pay their taxes

was unpopular legislation which had been handed down to the present government by previous ministries. This was a case of dealing with people who were threatened with expulsion from their lands.

Stuart Henderson said there was no evidence of this. It had been promised that this evidence would be brought down, and yet there was none.

The premier said that Mr. Henderson would have to take his word for this.

Mr. Macdonald said that he would infer that those people just asked for some aid. The premier discouraged them in this. The people then went back and after full consideration passed a resolution asking for the payment of the liabilities by the province and then spreading it out over a long period of time. For some reason not explained the premier changed his mind and brought in a new scheme, proposing to give \$10,000 towards the wiping out of this indebtedness. To advance the loan and extend it over a number of years would not be violating the principles of government.

Men met with disasters by which they lost their property, but that was no reason why the government should not take up a charitable institution for relieving them.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite wanted to know if the leader of the opposition would say for his party that if a loan were advanced, to be repaid by these people over an extended period of time, it would be acceptable to the opposition.

Mr. Macdonald said that he would say that he desired a committee to go into the facts as to the claim. That done, the legislature could base a ripe opinion as to what was just.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow took occasion to deny that the premier had been responsible for the bill being framed to give this \$10,000 aid. This was done after consideration of Mr. Goepel's report, when it was found that the money could not be paid, as it would be prohibitive.

Mr. Oliver said that he would like an explanation as to why Mr. Goepel valued the land on one side of an imaginary line at \$18 an acre, while on the other side they were valued at \$4 an acre. He regarded this report as a "cooked" report.

Premier McBride denied that the report was "cooked." It was found that a tax of 2½ per cent. would have to be levied to meet this liability in addition to the regular taxes. This would be prohibitive.

Mr. Oliver took Mr. Goepel's report and showed that that gentleman pointed out that the charges would be 1-2-5 per cent. if extended over fifty years, and not 1-2 per cent. as represented.

He further wanted to know why Mr. Goepel valued the land at \$18 an acre in Mr. Goepel's report on different sides of an imaginary line. He also asked for an explanation as to why the Sun Life and Yorkshire Guarantee companies held mortgages on the land in the district where the same companies held the dyking debentures.

Hon. R. F. Green held that the government was but attempting to put the people in the Dewdney district upon the same basis as the districts dealt with last year. The opposition, he said, last year attacked the aid given the settlers in the dyking districts.

Mr. Oliver said that the opposition did not attack the principle of giving relief in last year's bill. The opposition attacked the government for having discriminated in favor of the absentee owners as against the actual settlers.

Mr. Patterson wanted to know if the money might not be carried out at small cost.

Premier McBride did not know the situation in this respect. There were about two hundred yards of dyke to repair, but it would, he believed, be expensive work to carry out. More money would have to be borrowed to do this.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that considerable time had been taken up by the left wing of the government for no purpose. He held that if the contention of Mr. Oliver was right, that the companies holding the debentures had not a just claim. If that were true, this was open to consideration.

The leader of the opposition, however, seemed to incline to the opinion that the money should be advanced to pay off this indebtedness. If this were right, then the argument of Mr. Oliver fell to the ground. Personally, he was in certain instances in favor of confiscation. He favored coming out flatly in favor of confiscation rather than by taking advantage of a technicality.

Mr. Macdonald was glad to know that Mr. Hawthorthwaite had found himself to be the left wing of the government. (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver said that Mr. Hawthorthwaite undoubtedly knew when he misrepresented him that he (Mr. Oliver) did not intend to take advantage of the technicality of the law. He knew what justification Mr. Hawthorthwaite could show for the owners of 14,000 acres of land in Dewdney not affected by the dykes being saddled with the expense incurred for the benefit of 3,000 acres inside the dyking district.

The premier said the money was borrowed on the credit of the municipality. Mr. Oliver said the premier well knew that these people had no power to protest.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that he neither knew nor cared about the conditions connected with the case. He did not care for petty issues. This opposition was only the left wing of the government. It was not a real opposition. Whenever any question came up affecting the corporate interests the opposition lined up with the government, in support of those interests and against members who were opposed to them.

Mr. Oliver said that the member for Nanaimo acknowledged that he did not take interest enough in the bill to acquaint himself with the conditions and was not qualified to pass an opinion on it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver wanted to know what the position of Mr. Hawthorthwaite was, who never rose except to defend the government, who was referred to by the attorney-general as the most efficient orator in the legislature; where did Mr. Hawthorthwaite get his defence for using these God-given gifts in defending the most incompetent government the province has ever known?

Mr. Macdonald said that he had asked the acting premier (McBride) a question and got no answer. He was now going to ask the real premier, Mr. Hawthorthwaite. It was Mr. Hawthorthwaite who always rose to defend the government when others of his colleagues in cabinet positions were silent. Mr. Macdonald asked the premier from Nanaimo why the government had decided to grant \$10,000 towards paying this indebtedness when the people of the municipality did not ask for it, but only for an extension of the time for paying off the indebtedness incurred. (Laughter.)

Mr. Hawthorthwaite acknowledged with thanks the reference to himself as premier. He said the only trouble about it was that it was a little premature. He aspired yet to be premier. In explanation of the question asked by the leader of the opposition, he might say that possibly the leader of the government was no cold-blooded nor so heartless as members opposite. He perhaps, in view of this, did not care to deal so heartlessly with the farmers as the opposition would do. It was all very well for the opposition to keep ears of sympathy as big as cricket balls for these farmers, but say you cannot have our votes. When the Point Ellice bridge accident occurred an appeal for aid was made by the city of Victoria to the legislature and a large grant made. He hoped the time would never come when the legislature would refuse its sympathy for unfortunate cases.

Mr. Oliver said the premier might have about him much of the milk of kindness for the people of his own constituency, but there was little of the cream. He had been nine years in the house representing the constituency and only now proposed relief.

In order to give the premier an opportunity to set the facts in connection with this he moved that the committee rise and report progress.

This motion was lost.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite, Parker Williams and A. H. B. Macgowan did not vote the first time. Being asked by the speaker how he voted, Mr. Macgowan said he voted the same as Mr. Hawthorthwaite. The latter said he did not vote at all. Being reminded that those who did not vote were counted with the affirmative, Mr. Macgowan finally voted with the government against the committee rising.

Mr. Oliver, in discussing section 2, providing for the appropriation of \$25,000 out of the revenue of the province to pay off the liabilities of Dewdney, said that he found that of the dyking works that one of them was a member of the House at present.

J. F. Garden asked if he was referred to.

Mr. Oliver said "yes."

Mr. Garden said he was not the engineer who made the estimation. It was his firm, but he had nothing to do with the work personally.

Mr. Oliver said that the estimated cost was \$30,000. Yet, what was remarkable in British Columbia contracts, it was constructed at \$15,000, or a little over half. Mr. Oliver then went into the whole question of the work and their method of construction.

He was informed that \$10,000 would put the works in repair. In fact, he would take the contract at that price.

Mr. Oliver moved again that the committee rise, which was voted down by the government.

R. J. Drury asked for an explanation of the \$25,000 to redeem all the outstanding debentures. He wished to know if this was connected with the dyking scheme.

The premier explained that this was largely expended on roads, which were swept away in the floods.

J. K. Brown thought something more than a very general statement by the premier was necessary before the House was called upon to pass legislation, which seemed so perilous in character as this. There was proposed to be incorporated in this sum money not connected with the dyking scheme.

Mr. Drury thought it might be better to entitle this bill one for the relief of the Sun Life Insurance Company and the Yorkshire Guarantee Company. This bill proposed to go away beyond the dyking loan and include other expenditures. This should not be done in the case of people who for six years had refused to pay any taxes. There were quite as great hardships incurred in meeting the taxes in the city of Victoria in many instances as there were in Dewdney.

The section passed.

Mr. Henderson proposed to put in the words "for the Sun Life Insurance Company," which would make it clear that the \$25,000 was granted to that company to redeem all the outstanding debentures.

On coming to section 3 Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved that sections 3 to 15 inclusive be struck out, which would make the appropriation of \$25,000 to the province to the municipality absolute.

Mr. Drury took a point and asked if it was in order or whether the sections would not have to be treated one at a time.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite took exception to what he contended were "contemptible tactics" of the opposition in connection with his amendment.

Mr. Macdonald contended that the member for Nanaimo on a point of order, in making an application for a clearance card, which was received by the lodge with regret.

The lodge then went into harmony, and the following programme was carried out: Bro. Greenwood, song; Bro. Sample, recitation; Bro. Stancombe, song; Bro. McIntyre, recitation; Bro. Robinson, song; Bro. Wilkinson, song; and Bro. Cooper, song.

Speeches were then made. Bro. Gladstone, a distinguished temperance worker of Liverpool, England, spoke in general of the Good Templar work in the British Isles, and particularly of the progress it is making in the British army. Concluding, Bro. Gladstone conveyed his fraternal wishes from the home lodge to the Victoria West lodge.

The Grand Chief Templar then gave a most interesting and encouraging address, pointing out the rapid progress being made, not only in British Columbia, but in all Good Templar lodges of the world, supporting this statement with several convincing details.

After the Grand Chief Templar had concluded his speech, the superintendent

could be expected to meet this heavy taxation now.

Mr. Patterson wanted to know why those occupying the high ground in Dewdney were to be relieved of taxation altogether for the term of six years.

J. N. Evans thought the people of Dewdney alone were responsible for this tax and the other farmers of the province should not be asked to bear it.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that it was now proposed to tax persons who had not had a voice in the imposition of the loan.

Mr. Brown thought the amendment of the member for Nanaimo would relieve the people of the highlands in Dewdney who had not had a direct vote in the placing of the loan from having to pay this increased taxation. It was difficult to decide whether to vote for it or not. The bill introduced a vicious principle. The bill was bad. To ask the province to assume \$25,000 to pay off this tax a wrong would be done. To ask the people in the highlands of Dewdney to assume \$15,000, a wrong would also be done. It required time to consider this.

F. Carter Cotton took the point that the amendment was out of order. If it carried it placed a burden of \$15,000 more upon the treasury.

Mr. Henderson held that already in the previous session \$25,000 had been assumed. It was surely in order to provide for lessening this by \$15

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND THE DEWDNEY DEAL

Mr. Gordon, leader of the Conservative party of Canada, has given notice that at the coming session of parliament he will move that no barrister representing a constituency shall be permitted to practise his profession before committees of the House. The object is designed to prevent members from using their official positions for the promotion of private practice, a practice which has grown to such proportions as to constitute almost a grave scandal. Hon. Charles Wilson, K. C., Attorney-General in the McBridge government, publicly acknowledges that he is the solicitor of the Sun Life Insurance Company, which is directly interested in the measure now before the legislature for the relief of a small percentage of the taxpayers of Dewdney. This is what might truthfully be described as a "unique connection."

Not that there is any implication that Mr. Wilson is using his official position for improper purposes. He is not taking any part in the debates upon the bill for the disincorporation of the municipality. He may not have had a hand in the preparation of the bill in which his company is directly interested, although it is usual for an Attorney-General to see that such documents are prepared in proper legal form. He is a silent witness of the proceedings, even refusing to cast his vote in the interests of justice to the taxpayers of Dewdney and the bondholders he officially represents. Nevertheless we submit that the position of the Attorney-General is an anomalous one, to put the case as wildly as possible. It emphasizes the necessity for an investigation into all the circumstances connected with the outrageous proposition of the government with respect to the measure alleged to be designed solely for the relief of the taxpayers of Dewdney. As a matter of fact, only a very small proportion of the people of Dewdney are directly interested in the measure. The majority of them are in a position analogous to the position of the other taxpayers of the province, who will be compelled, in proportion to their interests in the country, to make good the defalcations of the owners of the dyked lands. If there had been nothing to conceal, the government, for its own credit and in order to substantiate its position, would have welcomed an investigation and the submission of all the facts to the people.

PREMONITORY SYMPTOMS OF DISSOLUTION

Mr. Bowser, M. P. for Vancouver, has announced to his constituents that the McBridge government is going to vote him a quarter of a million dollars to assist in the construction of a new court house in the Terminal City. This indicates very clearly, it seems to us, that a general election is imminent. If the government can have its way, it also implies that short work is going to be made of that nebulous surplus the Finance Minister felicitates himself upon having gathered together. Twenty-five thousand dollars for the Premier's constituents and a quarter of a million for Vancouver, it is argued, ought to make six seats fairly solid for the administration. If the same proportion of expenditures be maintained throughout all the constituencies there is the slightest hope of carrying, amendments will indeed be made for the policy of starving public works which is responsible for the alleged healthy condition of the treasury. The public will await with a good deal of curiosity the submission to the House of the estimates. Ample provision has apparently been made for the safety of the seats of the majority of the ministers. Hon. R. F. Green has been painted by one of his admirers as a master of the political arts. He will take care that Kaslo shall have no reason for dissatisfaction with its representative. Hon. F. J. Pulton is not such a shining light in the fiery government firmament as his notable inland colleague, but he has doubtless sufficient influence to secure for Kamloops its fair proportion of the contemplated lavish expenditures. Then there remains also the case of the Socialist wing of the government party to consider. The leader has been almost from the beginning of the term of the present legislature a most slavish supporter of the McBridge government and a violent opponent of the opposition. We cannot believe that the only reason in store for the number for Nanaimo and his followers is the contemplation of the perilous legislation which they have been mainly instrumental in having enacted in the confused belief that the more mischief that can be done and the more widespread the dissatisfaction with existing political and social conditions the better for the socialist cause. That is all very fine as an abstract statement of the Socialist position and as a concrete excuse for the support which has enabled the government to evade the sentence imposed upon it at the

general elections. But we submit there is an understanding that something more substantial shall be forthcoming previous to election day. The government calls itself a Liberal-Conservative institution. In reality it is a Socialist-Conservative concern, and doubtless there will be action tending to the consolidation of the union. For example, if Conservatives were nominated in constituencies where Socialist candidates were in the field, that would imply base ingratitude on the part of the head of the combination. The Premier has the reputation of being a faithful ally, and in conformity with his fame in this respect we may look for a straight fight between those who are opposed in principle to the government and the motley and outwardly antagonistic elements which are behind it—unless circumstances should indicate the wisdom of the allies appearing to act independently. But what must the honest and candid friends of the administration, for whom not much can be left after the leaders are provided for, think of the unique arrangement? It is the most extraordinary spectacle that has ever been presented in the name of Conservatism. To those who are more interested in the unfolding of a programme of party tactics than in the future well-being of a province the event of dissolution will be looked forward to with a considerable degree of curiosity.

President Castro of Venezuela is a most noble bluff. The bold face he has presented to France indicates unmistakably that he has had some experience of the grand American game of poker. However, we fear Mr. Castro will have to come down. He cannot seriously mean to defy France even to the point of war. He has no friends. President Roosevelt's Big Stick is evidently not going to be brandished on his behalf. The Latin republics may do to each other and to themselves what seemeth good in their own eyes, but in their relations with their neighbors they must behave in a seemly manner. The American nation is on too good terms with all the world to uphold their rudeness.

The Colonist confesses that it spoke in ignorance in commenting upon the case of the Valencia and acknowledges that its attempt to create an agitation is dictated solely by political animus. We can tell our contemporary that there is no prospect of a Dominion election and that long before an appeal can be taken to the people the actions of the government and of the representatives of this constituency will have been fully justified in the eyes of the public.

Why are the Socialists in the legislature so bitter against the Dominion government? Are these Hawthornthwaite outbursts merely exhibitions of blarney in justification of the alliance which has been so valuable to Premier McBridge? Are they intended to delude sincere Socialists in regard to the real relationship between the Premier and the most ardent of his supporters, the member for Nanaimo?

THE LOSS OF THE VALENCIA

Tale of the lost. A hundred shivering souls have passed To join the myriads who crowd the gulf before, And add unto the wound humanity hath made. Another thought to gull the cankered sore! And yet, in peace, each one of us doth slumber, And shakes the shame of each and all away. Nor dreams what motley of lives our souls encumber, In that we fail'd our duty to assay.

Sleep then in peace. Or mark the land with streaks of rust, And strive for gold, or build a monument of stone To selfish glory. Age will crumble all to dust, And God adjudge the dust doth not endure. Oh! if the one we hold to us the nearest, Should clutch and cry ere beaten on the rocks, In vain to cheer with "God in love hath aim the dearest." Ourselves to scorn the saying merely mocks.

Mark then the Coast. How sad the news to those who mourn, And wait, with aching hearts the wanderers' return. To learn, at last, that they are left alone forlorn. And duty done, there'd be no hearts to burn. Ah! Count the cost and blame no one who's perished, But mark the rocks and shoals for men to shun, And fearless answer God, that thou hast cherished, And e'en forgot thyself to aid a suffering one.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

In Railway Collision in Montana—Number of People Also Reported Injured.

(Associated Press.)

Spokane, Jan. 29.—The Great Northern Orient Limited, No. 1, westbound, and passenger train No. 2, eastbound, collided head-on one mile west of Columbia Falls, Mont., last night. A fireman on each train was killed and Conductor Quinn was badly injured. A great many others were injured.

Another Report.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 29.—Division Superintendent O'Neill, of the Great Northern, has gone to the scene of the wreck from White Fish with a wreck-train and physicians. At least four lives were lost. Both locomotives were turned completely over and piled up many feet from the rails.

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What Other People Think

THE CASE OF THE SALVOR

To the Editor of the Colonist.—Your editorial of last Sunday regarding the steamer *Salvor* is so mixed with misapprehension of facts and statement of political inferences, that I have felt it my duty to acquaint you with the facts.

In view of the tension and natural indignation in the community existing as a result of the deplorable loss of life and property in the wreck of the *Valencia*, it is only fair that you should correct any misapprehension that you have created as a result of your article based upon incomplete information.

With the political inference I have nothing to do, but with the other part of your article, the company, of which I am secretary, has, to begin with, it was owing to the fact that the steamer *Williamette*, wrecked in British Columbia waters on Denman Island, about five years ago, was saved by an American firm and taken to Seattle for repair, that attention was attracted to the lack of a salvage service in British Columbia. The sum spent upon repairs upon the *Williamette* was \$100,000, all of which would have been distributed among artisans of British Columbia, if there had been a salvage service available here at the time.

A few business men in Victoria and Vancouver then formed a salvage company in order to try and prevent similar occurrences. A small steamer was acquired by the company and fitted as a salvage vessel, with a necessary and expensive equipment. The steamer was held for that purpose until last year, but was inadequate for the service. The Canadian government last year offered a bonus of \$10,000 per annum for a suitable steamer and plant for salvage purposes. In order that you may properly appreciate the requirement of the Canadian government, I append a copy of the specifications upon which tenders were called for and received.

The British Columbia Salvage Company made a tender under the advertised specifications, and the contract was awarded to it. The company having purchased and equipped the steamer *Salvor* for that service, which she was considered a most suitable vessel for the service, notwithstanding her age, as the late owners having spent a large sum of money on her hull, practically rebuilding her bottom, leaving the hull almost as good as new. The salvage company after that equipped the steamer with centrifugal pumps, portable boilers, diving gear, air compressor and all outfit usual for salvage operations. The *Salvor* has ever since been held for services of that character only, and under the contract with the government can be used for no other purposes.

You apparently confuse a salvage steamer with a lifeboat. The steamer *Salvor* has three steel lifeboats attached as a part of her gear. But a lifeboat service proper consists of one or more small boats incapable of rendering assistance to a steamer in distress or of relieving her of any of her cargo, whereas a salvage steamer is specially equipped for that purpose and for placing pumps and boilers on board a disabled vessel.

The first consideration of either service is life, but salvage, craft as distinct from a lifeboat, aims at saving life, ship and cargo; a lifeboat, life without reference to ship or cargo. The reward for services rendered increases with the number of lives saved, so that monetary reasons as well as common humanity dictate that every effort should be made in the endeavor to save human life.

Within two and a half hours after

word was received of the wreck of the *Valencia* the *Salvor* put to sea. The *Salvor* would have left even earlier than that, but for the difficulty of obtaining doctors. Capt. Harris, a thoroughly competent navigator, was in charge of a thoroughly competent and picked crew.

For the benefit of extra service, Capt. Harris, of the C. P. R. Company, and Capt. Cox, Lloyd's agent, were asked to aid him.

Two doctors were also on board. At the time the *Salvor* reached the vicinity of the wreck it was impossible for a small boat to reach or any other sort to make a landing. It was not possible to render assistance from the sea, and the relief of the survivors by the *Salvor* then went to Homfield creek. Capt. Harris, the tug *Caar* and the tug *Orion* went to the whaling station at Sechart and sent the steamer *Orion* to the wreck, as neither *Salvor* nor *Caar* could see any sign of life on the wreck.

To render what assistance she was capable of, the *Salvor* then went to Bamfield creek for the purpose of sending men down the trail in order to try and reach the wreck from the shore. The relief party took with them an extra supply of provisions, blocks, tackle, etc., stimulants, coal oil, and necessary tools, and the relief of the survivors. After that a second relief party was sent over the trail, headed by Dr. Hart, to meet the first party half way and give such help as might be necessary.

The *Salvor* then again went to the scene of the wreck. Finding there that no relief was possible and the survivors reporting one man lost in the woods on Turret Island, the *Salvor* proceeded there, landed two search parties, who eventually found the missing man and a raft containing three bodies.

Your reflection upon the condition of the *Salvor* is as unfounded as it is unwarranted by the facts. Perhaps a better answer than telling you the amount that had been expended upon the improvement of the hull alone is the fact that no vessel unless absolutely seaworthy could have lived through the sea running at the time the *Salvor* went out, without at least serious damage to ship and equipment.

If you will take the trouble to investigate you will find that the *Salvor* fulfils in all respects the service for which she was intended and the service called for by the government. Had the *Salvor* been in service at the time of the lamentable disaster to the *Clallam*, signal aid might have been rendered and many lives that were sacrificed have been saved; possibly the ship as well.

No effort was spared to render every assistance practicable in the case of the *Valencia*, and I cannot but think that if you had consulted your own reporter, a passenger on the *Salvor*, you would not make the allegations or insinuations contained in your editorial.

HARRY F. BULLEN,
Secretary B. C. Salvage Co.
January 29th, 1906.

SPECIFICATIONS OF WRECKAGE AND SALVAGE PLANT FOR COASTAL WATERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A suitable steamer will be required, with hull and machinery in good condition. The tonnage of the steamer should be stated and all her equipment specified apart from the wrecking plant. The wrecking plant should be stipulated, the number and size of centrifugal pumps, number of diving suits, diving outfit and divers' derricks, mooring anchors and cables, the quantity of flexible steam hose, mats for stopping leaks and other wrecking sundries, air compressors, air locks, if compressed, air system is to be used. Steel derricks will be required for lifting.

The wrecking plant must be thoroughly modern in all respect, and of the latest improved kind. Attendant schooner or schooners, lighters and scows will be required.

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The steamer must not be employed in any other work without permission from the minister of marine and fisheries.

Tenders should state specifically the rates that will be charged for the services to owners of wreck or underwriters.

The charge per day for the steamer.

The charge per day for the schooner or schooners.

The charge per day for the pumps, according to size.

The charge per day for the air compressors, according to size.

The charge per day and night for engineer.

The charge per day and night for assistant engineer.

The charge per day and night for diver and diving outfit.

The charge per day and night for extra men.

It should be stated in the tender whether the tenderer is prepared to save the vessels and cargoes on a percentage of property saved on the basis of "no cure no pay," as London and Liverpool Salvage Association require.

The minister of marine and fisheries will pay a subsidy of \$10,000 per annum, payable \$5,000 on the 1st of July in each year and \$5,000 at the end of the calendar year.

All wrecking plant must be subject to inspection of an officer commissioned by the minister of marine and fisheries, and the inspection shall be made as often as the minister considers it necessary.

The minister of marine and fisheries will retain the right to cancel the contract upon 30 days' notice, provided that there is good reason for so doing, and he shall be the sole judge of whether the contract should be cancelled.

The tenderers should state the number of years from one to five that they are prepared to maintain the wrecking plant, with the privilege of renewing for another term of years, provided the minister of marine and fisheries is in the public interest and the steamer, schooner and plant are considered in good condition.

The headquarters of the steamer and plant should be stated by the tenderers.

The wrecking plant should be kept available for any part of the coastal waters of British Columbia.

(Signed) W. M. L. M'GEE,
For Deputy Minister Marine and Fisheries.

THE NAVY.

To the Editor.—I understand that an effort is being made to express in some suitable form, to the officers and men of H. M. S. *Egeria*, the heartfelt thanks of this community for the gallant way in which they so readily volunteered and gave their services in aid of the unfortunate people on board the wrecked steamer *Valencia*.

The sympathy shown and the valuable assistance given by both officers and men of His Majesty's naval service has been exactly what any British subject would expect, and in thorough accordance with the traditions of the royal navy.

I sincerely trust that there will be some official recognition of the way in which they responded to the occasion. It should convey to them our hearty thanks for their services, and in addition, it might well mark our appreciation of the fact that, while we do not (to our shame) in any way assist in maintaining the royal navy, and leave the whole of that burden to be borne by the Mother Country, yet there are amongst us many who desire to show that they are most grateful for the presence of His Majesty's ships in these waters.

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INTO ALL DEALINGS FOR KAIEN ISLAND

Select Committee is Proposed by Leader of Opposition—Other Notices of Motion.

Unless the government deliberately burks an inquiry the Kaien Island land grant with its previous history will be fully investigated by a select committee of the legislature.

J. A. Macdonald, leader of the opposition, has given notice that on Wednesday next he will move as follows:

"That a select committee, consisting of five members of this House, namely: Messrs. Macgowan, Ross, Manson, Munro and the mover, be appointed to inquire into all matters pertaining to the acquisition, or attempted acquisition, by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, or by any other person or persons or bodies corporate, of crown lands in the vicinity of Tucks Hill, Kaien Island, or other islands, and on the mainland in the vicinity of Kaien Island, with power to summon witnesses, call for papers, documents, letters, telegrams and records, and to take evidence under oath, and procure the printing of said evidence from day to day, and report said evidence from time to time to the House, together with their findings on the same."

Unless the government side positively refuse to permit of the inquiry an opportunity will be afforded to get at the facts connected with what has always appeared to be a peculiar transaction.

The government adopted an unusual course in making this grant. The province is felt to be entitled to the fullest information, and the inquiry applied for affords the opening for this. The committee if appointed will be able to serve the people of the province in bringing out information about which there is a demand throughout the country.

Among other notices of motion given is one by John Houston, who on Wednesday next will move:

"That an order of this House be granted for a return of all correspondence between any member of the government, employees of the lands and works department, member of the legislative assembly, manager of a chartered bank, C. F. Wainman, W. E. C. Koch and others, in regard to timber leases on Little Slokan river, Little Slokan lake and Slokan river, in West Kootenay district, between the 21st May, 1905, and the 29th of January, 1906."

W. Davidson, on Wednesday next will move:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the government and the New Denver Waterworks Company, and any other person, in connection with the water record granted to said company in 1905."

Jas. Murphy, on Wednesday next, will ask the following questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the construction of a ferry across the Fraser river at or near the town of Quesnel?

2. Is it the intention of the government to provide for repairs to the trail from Quesnel to Nechaco, with a view to rendering it passable as a sleigh road?

3. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the construction of a bridge across the North Fork, Quesnel river, before high water in April next on the Quesnel Forks-Keithley Creek trail?

4. Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates for the completion of the sleigh road from Quesnel Forks to Keithley creek next summer?



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Victoria West Methodist church to-night.

—The lecture given by Rev. J. Grundy

on the "People and Customs of China"

in St. Luke's school room, Cedar Hill, on

Friday night, was well attended. The

rector occupied the chair, and the lecture

was preceded by the singing of the

"Old Hundredth" and by prayer. Mr.

Grundy spoke first of the New Year's

custom, commending the laudable desire

of the Chinese to begin the New Year

free from debt, and alluding to the ab-

sence of drunkenness amongst them at

such times. He referred to the culture of

silk worms and the consequent culture of

mulberry leaves; to the beautiful carving

of the Chinese; to their exquisite em-

broaderies done by men; and finally he

pictured the missionary's voyage from

Europe along the West river, with his

method of work, and the consequent culture

of native Christians. The lecture was ask-

ed to give another lecture later, refresh-

ments were served by the girls of the

Sunday school, assisted by some of their

elders, and the evening was voted a most

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hold its regular rehearsal this evening at

8 o'clock sharp in the auditorium of the

Y. M. C. A. All members are urgently

requested to attend.

—To-night in James Bay Methodist

church Rev. W. Gladstone, of the Re-

formed Episcopal church, will be the

speaker. He will be special music.

The public is cordially invited.

—The Ladies' Guild of St. John's church

will hold a social this evening, for which

an excellent programme has been pre-

pared. The proceeds of the event are to

go towards defraying the expenses in-

curred in repairing the school room.

—The verdict of the coroner's jury in

the case of Peter Hands, who died under

circumstances already detailed in the

Times, was "Death from natural causes."

The verdict was rendered yesterday af-

ternoon.

—The Cowichan Leader says: The cable

for the stamping machine arrived here on

Thursday. The whole plant was expected

last week, but certain work had to be

done, and the proprietors wish to have

everything in proper order before they

start operations, hence the delay.

—The man Reid, held in custody since

the 8th of December on a charge of lar-

ceny, was yesterday liberated on his own

recognizances to stand trial when called

upon. The prosecuting witness, Oddy, did

not appear to give evidence on two occa-

sions when the case was called.

—A meeting of the Victoria West Muni-

cipal Association will be held to-night in

the club room, when the question of

schools will be discussed, also improve-

ments in the district. The views of the

meeting will be embodied in a report to

be submitted to the city council before

appropriations are expended.

—The last sewing machine drawing

given away to users of White Swan

soap will take place on Friday at 3

o'clock at W. A. Adams' grocery, 34 Yates

street. Premium of \$100 descriptions will

be given away for White Swan soap

wrappers, and this can now be had at

the office of the B. C. Soap Works, or

from any grocer.

—Impressive services were conducted

yesterday by Bishop Perin at the resi-

dence of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Rock-

land avenue, in connection with the fun-

eral of the late Susan Louise Glennie.

Those who acted as pall-bearers were:

J. A. Mara, W. F. Langton, E. H. Fletcher,

W. E. Robertson, F. O'Reilly, E. A.

Jacob.

—The annual meeting of the Conserva-

tive Association of Sanctor was held at

Sidney on Saturday evening, when the

following officers were elected for the

ensuing year: President, C. Phillips;

Walter, vice-president, Rufus North;

secretary, J. Crockett. It was decided

to hold meetings at frequent intervals,

and that the attention of the movement

should be directed to the condition of

the wharves at Burgoynes Bay, North

Saanich and Mayne Island.

—H. Brewster, of the Clayoquot can-

ner, left this morning for Barkley

Sound, where his company are engaged

in the mild curing of spring salmon. The

work is being carried on with headquar-

ters at Hayes. There has for some time

been a steady run of the fish in those

waters, though not a large one. Last

year it will be remembered, this com-

pany carried on the mild curing very

successfully. Mr. Brewster went to the

West Coast by way of Nanaimo and Al-

berni.

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TWO NEW SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDED IN CITY

Sixty Thousand Dollars Will be Asked
For the Buildings—Meeting
of Trustees.

A meeting of the board of school
trustees was held last night, at which
there was a full attendance. The min-
utes of previous meeting having been
read and confirmed, the board went
into committee of the whole, and dealt
with the estimates for the year. This
proved rather tedious business, but
when the committee rose there were
the figures submitted:

General Maintenance.	
Janitors	\$1,200
Fuel	2,000
Board expenses	1,500
Furniture	1,250
Supplies	2,000
Repairs	4,850
Insurance	850
Miscellaneous	1,850
Salaries	\$18,000
Total	\$30,000

The committee also recommended the
sum of \$60,000 for extraordinary ex-
penses for the year. "This sum to pro-
vide for two school buildings together with
furniture, fixtures, and necessary
equipment, are to be built in the west
end and one in the east end of the
city."

There was a good deal of discussion
on the subject of the proposed new
school buildings, as to whether they
should be of brick or frame. It was
ultimately decided to raise the more
substantial structure, hence the large
appropriation.

The chairman was authorized to ar-
range for a conference with the local
members of the legislature relating to
proposed legislation on behalf of Van-
couver college.

A very enjoyable evening was spent
yesterday evening in the school room of
the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church,
when, under the auspices of the Young
People's Guild, a social was held.

In regard to the foundry party to be
held at W. C. T. U. mission, Yates
street, on February 1st, the managing
board suggest that donations now needed
are sugar, tea, coffee, cream and con-
densed milk and butter. Only light
bunches are served at the mission. The
board also suggests that anything in the
way of bedding is very much needed.

At James Bay Methodist church on
Wednesday evening Mrs. Templar will
give a travel talk, "Around the Medi-
terranean," with 100 stereoscopic views.
The chair will be taken promptly at 8
o'clock by Hon. A. E. Smith. The musi-
cal portion of the programme will be car-
ried out by the Misses Scowcroft and
Justin Gilbert. The lecture will be in aid
of the Sunday school.

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MORE IMPROVEMENTS.

R. W. Williams & Co., the Yates St.
Clothing and Hatters are contemplat-
ing extensive alterations and improve-
ments to the interior of their outfitting
establishment.

Twenty-eight more semi-ready ward-
robes will be added to the thirty which
were installed last season as the phe-
nomenal success of semi-ready gar-
ments in Victoria makes more ward-
robe space imperative. These fifty-
eight wardrobes will have a capacity
of holding one thousand seven hundred
and forty semi-ready suits, overcoats
and raincoats, and when the new
spring shipments arrive they will be
labeled to the utmost, as Messrs. R.
Williams & Co.'s spring purchases in
this line have been very extensive.
The big sale which is at present being
held by R. Williams & Co., will be
continued a few days longer as there
is still several thousand dollars' worth
of high class clothing and furnishings
to be sold. The new wardrobes and
fixtures will be installed about Feb-
ruary 15th, and by this date Messrs. R.
Williams & Co. expect to have sold out
their entire stock of boys' clothing and
furnishings (as they intend retiring
from the boys' outfitting business) and
also the over-plus of stock in the hat,
shoeing and underwear departments.
To make it interesting for each pur-
chaser, bigger bargains than ever will
be offered this week as the stock must
be reduced to make room for the new
spring shipments now on the way.

Following are a few of the bargains
which will be offered this week:
Fancy vests at half-price; boys' 3-
piece suits at less than half-price;
boys' and youths' Norfolk suits and
extra knickers at \$3.65 per suit. All
wool Scotch underwear at 50c. per gar-
ment, worth \$1.25; heavy all wool
socks, 15c. per pair, worth 25c.; men's
and youths' knickers in Scotch tweeds,
\$1.50 per pair, worth \$2 to \$4.50. All
raincoats, overcoats and suits reduced
to sale prices for cash, etc., etc. Don't
miss this!

NATIVE SONG DANCE.

All Who Attend Are Assured of an En-
joyable Time—Music Receiving
Special Attention.

The Native Song dance to be given
next Friday in the Assembly rooms pro-
mised to be one of the most enjoyable
social gatherings of the season. Special
pains have been taken by the Sons to see
that all who attend enjoy themselves,
and as the society never contemplates
making a profit out of their dances they
are able to plan their functions on an
elaborate scale.

This year's decorations will be a radical
departure from all other decorative
schemes attempted in Victoria. Chief
Watson has designed the decorations on
an entirely new principle, so that the
best possible effect may be given to the
displaying of color designs, which is one
of the prettiest features of a ball.

The supper will be served on the buffet
plan, which has met with such favor in
Eastern centres. It is contemplated to
open the supper room at 10 o'clock and
continue the service to the close of the
dance. Much attention will be shown
to those who do not care to dance, and
special attention has been made for their
entertainment.

Musical promises to be particularly
enjoyable. Care has been exercised by
engaging the services of the best musi-
cians whom it is possible to secure. The
orchestra will be perfectly balanced by
twelve instruments, conducted by the
well known artist, Hugo Schmidt, Mus.
Bac., who has been retained to come to
Victoria to direct the music. A place has
been given on the programme of dances to
the new two-step, "The Canadian
Girl," written and composed by Herbert
Leiser, a composition which is conceived
on patriotic lines and is very inspiring.
It is proposed to provide a feast of music
by giving encores freely, while the ex-
tras will be played by an additional or-
chestra.

The Native Sons hope that this year's
dance from every standpoint will eclipse
all their former efforts in that direction,
and judging from the outlay that has
been made and the care that has been
devoted to details, their expectations will
not be disappointed. The cars will run
to all points after the dance. Tickets may
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Aldermen Ask For More Time to Con- sider It—To Clean Up Chinatown.

The old familiar secret agreement between the city and British Columbia Electric Railway Company, with reference to a water supply, received another airing at the meeting of the city council last night. It was brought up on motion of Ald. Fullerton, who proposed its cancellation. His Worship also wanted to see the agreement cancelled, but the majority of the council favored an adjournment of the discussion for a week, and this suggestion was approved.

The proposed cleaning up of Chinatown, the opening of ledgers for city supplies and other important business kept the meeting in session from 8 until 10.35.

The secretary of the board of trade wrote transmitting a copy of a report by the board on the question of pilotage, and asked if the report was approved that the city move in the matter to have the charges abolished by bringing recommendations to the attention of the minister of marine and fisheries.

Ald. Stewart moved that the communication be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Mayor.

Ald. Vincent thought that it would not take long to settle the question at once.

Ald. Fell moved an amendment that the letter be laid on the table for a week. This course was approved.

City Clerk Dowler reported the receipt of the following requests for improvements: Douglas street, near the St. John's church; Belmont avenue and North Chatham street; Davis street; a request for a sidewalk on the west side of Government street, between Michigan and Toronto street, and a request for a speedy completion of the sewer on St. Charles street.

Received and filed.

C. D. Mason called attention to the largely increased work of the legal business of the city and asked for additional salary. Laid on the table until the city estimates are brought down.

The city engineer reported as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Petition from F. B. Pemberton and others, asking that the deep ditch on Poul Bay road be improved by laying a pipe or box thereon. Upon examination of the drain in question, I find the same in bad condition, considering the large quantity of water to be carried off in that direction, together with small grade, making the matter very costly to overcome. I am of opinion, however, that nothing can be done during the wet season, and would therefore recommend the matter be laid over.

Petition from M. Y. Wheeler and others, asking that a sidewalk be laid on Oak Bay road from Richmond avenue, from Oak Bay avenue to Cadboro Bay road. After looking into this matter, I would respectfully recommend the request be granted.

Communication from J. R. J. Robinson, again asking that a sidewalk be laid on Cedar Hill road from Lansdowne road, in northerly direction. After looking into this matter, I would recommend the request be granted. Estimated cost, \$182.

Communication from F. R. Smith, complaining of gas coming from the large surface drain on Cook street. I may say this matter has been dealt with in the annual report, and I trust will receive the attention of the council in the near future.

Petition from W. West and others, asking that a sidewalk be laid on Davis street. After looking into the matter, the city engineer reports and recommends the construction of the same. Estimated cost, \$57.

Re Durham system of plumbing for the C. P. R. hotel. Herewith please find report of the plumbing inspector, with reference to this matter, I shall be pleased to have the approval of council, so that the necessary permit can be issued without delay.

Communication from A. Mulvihy, calling attention to the condition of Mendocino street in the vicinity of the drill hall. Upon examination of this locality, I find the same in bad condition. I would therefore recommend the sum of \$25 be voted to be expended on the street in question.

Re Durham system of plumbing for C. P. R. Hotel.

Dear Sir—In reference to the communication, from P. M. Rattenbury, architect, regarding the above matter, would say that I can see no reason why the request should not be granted, provided the arrangements other than the quality of pipe and fittings be strictly adhered to. The Durham system is simply the use of wrought iron galvanized, recessed pipe and fittings instead of

ordinary cast iron, as specified in our by-law.

It will be necessary to have the council of the corporation to pass a resolution to this effect before the request of Mr. Rattenbury could be granted.

HERBERT F. SHADE,
Plumbing and Sewerage Inspector.

On motion of Ald. Stewart the report was taken up aetiam.

The first recommendation contained in the report was approved, the second on motion of Ald. Fell was laid on the table until other sidewalks might be submitted. A by-law might be submitted, the third was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Ald. Stewart raising the question whether it was advisable to lay walks for country people; the fourth was laid over until the annual report dealing with the same was received, and the fifth asking for a sidewalk on Davis street was approved. With reference to the sixth, Ald. Stewart said that there was no doubt that the Durham system was the best, and he recommended that the clause be adopted.

His Worship wished to call attention to the fact that by granting the request for wrought iron pipe when a cast iron pipe is required by law, established a precedent.

Ald. Yates thought the request called for more than a difference in the quality of pipe. In his opinion a difference in the system was intended which was entirely another matter.

Ald. Stewart said that he was into the subject very thoroughly last year, and he is in the system.

His Worship called attention to a case wherein he himself had to comply with the by-law last year.

Ald. Lewis Hall favored granting the request, and suggested that for up-to-date system the council should always provide.

His Worship thought a committee should be appointed to look into the subject by-law, the city was pretty well tied up on the question of plumbing. He did not want to make any accusation, however. In Toronto the Plumbing Association's doing had been investigated, and he would like to know what the conditions are here.

The request was granted, and the streets, sewers and bridges committee was appointed to look into the plumbing by-laws.

The next clause in the report calling for an expenditure of \$500 in improving Mendocino street was adopted.

The city solicitor reported that in the recent case in the police court wherein the back by-law was brought into question, he did not think that the magistrate gave a reasonable interpretation of the by-law. He, therefore, suggested that the discussion be appealed to a higher court.

Ald. Yates said he knew of a couple of cases wherein the police magistrate had upset the city by-laws. He moved that the city solicitor confer with the city barrister as to an appeal.

Ald. Lewis Hall moved an amendment that a new by-law be proposed, which would hold good. This plan would be the cheapest to the city.

Ald. Vincent thought the city solicitor's suggestion should be approved.

Ald. Davey moved an amendment that a report be referred to the legislative committee. This would give time for reflection.

Ald. Stewart was opposed to an appeal. He knew of some who were waiting on just such action as was proposed to get an advantage.

Ald. Yates' motion was eventually adopted.

The city solicitor reported that the corporation had no power to make a refund to the Boomerang on their liquor licence.

Received and filed a copy of the same to be sent to Mrs. Marr.

The sanitary officer reported on the bad condition of the buildings on the premises bounded by Douglas, Broughton, Broad and Port streets, and recommended that the alleyway be laid in cement in order to keep the place clean.

The report was received and filed, and the matter of dilapidated buildings was on motion of Ald. Fell, referred to the sanitary officer to take steps to have them condemned if the same are condemnable.

Arthur Bennard, first vice president of the Church Hill called attention to the bad state of Burdette avenue, and asked for its improvements. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$8,211. Adopted.

The fire wardens reported as follows:

1. Fire Protection in James Bay District.—Your committee desire to call the attention of the council to the necessity of more adequate fire protection in this district consequent on the erection of large buildings, in the shape of hotels, factories, docks, etc., and would recommend that a sum of \$1500 be placed in the estimate for the erection of a brick fire hall. The proposal would necessitate the addition of the staff of one engineer and one hoseman, it being intended to have one of the fire engines placed in this hall, always in readiness to attend fires in this district and the central portions of the city.

2. Fire Protection Old Men's Home, etc.—We would call the attention of the council to the lack of fire protection at the new home and fair buildings, through the quality of pipe and fittings be strictly adhered to. The Durham system is simply the use of wrought iron galvanized, recessed pipe and fittings instead of

matters we would recommend to the consideration of the water committee and the fire committee.

3. Fire Protection in Chinatown District.—Your committee having been interviewed by a representative deputation from this district, in reference to enlargement of the hall, additional protection and lease of ground for hall, would recommend \$500.

That the hall be enlarged at a cost not exceeding \$500.

That a stand pipe be erected at the hall, at a cost of \$25.

That the city enter into a five years lease with Mr. W. Clarke for ground lease of the land upon which the hall is built, at a yearly rental of \$25.

4. Uniforms.—Having given this subject our careful consideration, we are of the opinion, now that we have a permanent department, that there should be a system of uniforms in the service. At present at fires, unless the members of the department are personally acquainted with a watch or other person, which may occur, they are unable to distinguish between drunken and others, which may work a detriment to the efficiency of the service. We would recommend that a sum of \$500 for uniforms be included in the estimates.

5. Purchase of Horses.—Your committee find that it is necessary to purchase a new team of horses. A farmer at Ladners has offered a team for sale to the department for \$500, which is a reasonable price if they are as described. We would recommend that the team be purchased, subject to the inspection and approval of the veterinary surgeon of the oldest team in the service there would be a probable asset of \$300.

Ald. Stewart thought that the recommendations contained in the report call for an expenditure of four or five thousand dollars. He moved that the report be laid on the table until the estimates come down; at least until that section referring to the purchase of a team of horses, which, on Ald. Vincent's suggestion, he said should be dealt with at once.

Ald. Yates wanted to know if there was only one team for sale. He believed that many good horses could be procured in British Columbia. He knew the city wanted a team. He therefore moved that the city purchase a team of horses for the fire department.

This was approved.

On motion of Ald. Fullerton necessary improvements to the Oakland fire hall will be made.

A portion of the report was laid on the table.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee next submitted a report on street repairs. The report was adopted.

In connection with this report His Worship said he wished to make the suggestion that street repair work be done when there is enough moisture for the material used to pack down. When it is laid in dry weather it is kicked over the roads and is a nuisance to bicyclists and motorists.

Ald. Vincent said the trouble was that the work was done according to monthly appropriations. There should be a lump sum allotted for the streets, and it should be done at the proper season.

His Worship considered the present a favorable time for street work, as there were many men out of employment.

Ald. Fullerton's motion calling for the cancellation of the secret agreement of November 24th, 1904, between the city and tramway company was taken up.

Ald. Fell said that there was never any good reason advanced why the agreement should be cancelled. The Esquimalt Waterworks Company were opposing it, and that was a pretty good reason why the agreement was a good one. For the benefit of those not having heard discussion on this matter, Ald. Fell entered into a lengthy explanation of the contract. The ratepayers, he contended, should be allowed the opportunity to say whether the agreement was a good one.

His Worship wanted to know of Ald. Fell which was the better scheme of the two—the expropriation of Goldstream water or the secret agreement.

Ald. Fell acknowledged that he sensed the secret agreement was better for the company. At this stage a little debate took place between His Worship and Ald. Fell.

Ald. Lewis Hall favored cancelling the agreement, but believed in doing business now with the tramway company. Possibly by reducing water rates the company cheaper light might be obtained.

Ald. Stewart wanted to know what would be the effect of cancelling the agreement.

His Worship said that while the agreement existed it threw a cloud over any other arrangement with the city might enter into. He therefore would like to have the matter dealt with at once.

Ald. Yates was not prepared to vote on the question. The matter had been sprung on the council, and he would like to go into the whole agreement, for he was now acting as a trustee of the people.

In answer to His Worship, Ald. Yates said that he had formed an opinion from what he read on the question, but he wished to go further. He was inclined to think that the question asked by Ald. Stewart was a very important one, and he favored the motion being voted on for a week. Would it not be well to ascertain the feeling of the tramway company before acting?

His Worship did not favor voting to the company.

After a great deal of discussion, in which His Worship said he did not wish any day longer than necessary to elapse before the people got an opportunity to say what they wanted in the way of securing a water supply, it was finally decided to leave in abeyance the motion for a week, and that the Mayor should communicate with the tramway company's view to ascertaining the cancellation of the agreement.

His Worship then appointed Ald. Yates to represent the city council's interests, and F. Norris to the board of management of the Agricultural Association.

Ald. Douglas at this stage suggested that tenders be called for street names so that the council should have some information to act on when dealing with the estimates. The proposal, however, was out of order, and Ald. Douglas was advised that he would have to post a notice on the bulletin board in accordance with general custom.

Ald. Lewis Hall said he thought the city should not be in the way of work this year. He thought that the guard and constables should be kept here to live should not keep their business clean and dry as others.

Tenders for city supplies were next opened and referred to the proper departments for report, and the council adjourned.

THE LATE KING CHRISTIAN.
Became Ill After Luncheon and Died Shortly Afterwards.

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.—King Christian IX., the aged King of Denmark, died with startling suddenness in the Amalienborg palace this afternoon. The occasion of his death, Prince Frederick, his eldest son, who will be known as Frederick VIII., will be proclaimed tomorrow.

The following official bulletin was issued to-night: "His Majesty died at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon. After His Majesty had brought this morning's audience to a conclusion, he appeared to be quite well and proceeded to the meal he was accustomed to eat by any person who is the head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section—100 acres, 1000 at least.

Entry may be made personally at the land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homestead desires, he may, on application to the land to be taken in situ, to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.
Any one numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 9 and 20, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section—100 acres, 1000 at least.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.
Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 200 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of coal mined shall be collected on the gross output.

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At least \$100 must be expended on the claim before it is located. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon making a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 an acre.

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Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.40	Shawnigan Lake	4.50
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CHAPTER XVI Margaret Sees a Ghost.

With a sigh of unutterable relief End heard Williams returning. Reginald Henson had not come down yet, and the rest of the servants had retired some time. Williams came up with a request as to whether he could do anything more before he went to bed.

"Just one thing," said End. "The good dogs have done their work well to-night, but they have not quite finished. End Holo for me, and bring him here quick. Then you can shut up the house, and I will see that Mr. Henson is made comfortable after his fright."

The big dog came presently and followed End timidly upstairs. Apparently the great black-muzzled brute had been there before, as he knew his way to the door. He crawled along the corridor. He had been in the room where the sick girl lay, and here he followed End. The lamp was turned down as End glanced at the bed. Then she smiled faintly, yet hopefully.

"There was nobody in the room. The patient's bed was empty." "It works well," End murmured. "May it go on as it has been going. Lie down, Rollo, lie there, good dog. And if anybody comes in tear him to pieces."

The great brute crouched down obediently, thumping his tail on the floor as an indication that he understood. As if a loud had been taken from his mind End crept down the stairs. She had hardly reached the hall before Henson followed her. His big face was white with passion; he was trembling from head to foot from fright and pain. There was a red rash on his forehead, that by no means tended to improve his appearance.

"What is the meaning of this?" he demanded hoarsely. End looked at him coolly. She could afford to do so now. All the danger was past, and she felt certain that the events of the evening were unknown to him.

"I might ask you the same question," she said. "You look white and shaken; you might have been thrown violently into a heap of stones. But please don't make a noise. It is not fitting, now. Christ."

End hesitated; the prevarication did not come so easily as she expected. "Chris has gone," she said. "She passed away an hour ago."

Henson muttered something that End did not catch. He could be polite and suave enough on occasions, but not to-night. Even philanthropists are selfish at times. Moreover, his nerves were badly shaken, and he wanted a stimulant badly.

"I am going to bed," End said wearily. "Good-night." She went up the stairs, and Henson passed into the library. He was puzzled over this sudden end of Christiana Henson. He was half inclined to believe that she was not dead at all; he belonged to the class of men who believe nothing without proof. Well, he could easily ascertain that for himself. There would be quite time enough in the morning.

For a long time Henson sat there thinking and smoking, as was his usual custom. Like other great men, he had his worries and troubles, and that they were mainly of his own making did not render them any lighter. So long as Margaret Henson was under the pressure of his thumb, money was no great object. But there were other situations where money was utterly powerless.

Henson was about to give it up as a bad job, to-night at any rate. He wondered bitterly what his admirers would say if they knew everything. He wondered what was that?

Somebody creeping about the house, somebody talking in soft, though distinct, whispers. His quick ears detected that sound instantly. He slipped into the hall; Margaret Henson was there, with the remains of what had once been a magnificent opera cloak over her shoulders.

"How you startled me!" Henson said, irritably. "Why don't you go to bed?" End, looking over the balustrade from the landing, wondered so also, but she kept herself prudently hidden. The first words that she heard drove all the blood from her heart.

"I cannot," the feeble, moaning voice said. "The house is full of ghosts; they haunt and follow me everywhere. And Chris is dead, and I have seen her spirit."

"So I'm told," Henson said, with brutal callousness. "What was the ghost like?" "Like Chris. All pale and white, with a frightened look on her face. And she was all dressed in white, too, with a cloak about her shoulders. And just when I was going to speak to her she turned and disappeared into End's bedroom. And there are other ghosts."

"One at a time, please," Henson said, firmly. "So Christiana's ghost passed into her sister's bedroom? You come and sit quietly in the library whilst I investigate matters."

Margaret Henson complied in her dull, mechanical way. End flew like a flash of light to her room. Another girl was there—a girl exceedingly like her, but looking wonderfully pale and drawn.

"That fiend suspects," End said. "How unfortunate! It was that you should meet aunt like that. Chris, you must go back again. Fly to your own room and compose yourself. Only let him see you lying white and still there, and he must be satisfied."

Chris rose with a shudder. "And if the wretch offers to touch me," she moaned. "If he does—"

"He will not," she said. "Heaven help him if he tries any experiment of that kind. If he does, Rollo will kill him to a certainty."

"Ah, I had forgotten the faithful dog. Those dogs are more useful to us than a score of men. I will step by the back way and through my dressing-room. Oh, End, how glad I shall be

to find myself outside the walls of this dreadful house!"

She now along the corridor and gained her room in safety. It was an instant's work to throw off her cloak and compose herself rigidly under the single white sheet. But though she lay still her heart was beating to suffocation as she heard the creak and thud of a heavy step coming up the stairs. Then the door was opened in a stealthy way and Henson came in. He could see the outline of the white figure, and a sigh of satisfaction escaped him. A less suspicious man would have retired at once; a man less engaged upon his task would have seen two great amber eyes cased to the floor.

An old woman's fancy, he muttered. "Still, as I am here, I'll make sure that."

He stretched out his hand to touch the marble forehead, there was a snarl and a gurgle, and Henson came to the ground with a hideous crash that carried him staggering beyond the door into the corridor. Rollo had the intruder by the throat; a thousand crimson and blue stars danced before the wretched man's eyes; he grappled with his foe with one last despairing effort, and then there came over him a vague, warm unconsciousness. When he came to himself he was lying on his bed, with Williams and End bending over him.

"How did it happen?" End asked, with stimulated anxiety. "I was walking along the corridor," Henson gasped, "going—going to bed, you see; one of those diabolical tricks must have got into my head. Before I knew what I was doing the creature flew at my throat and dragged me to the floor. Telephone for Walker at once. I am dying, Williams."

"He fell back once more utterly lost to his surroundings. There was a great, gaping, raw wound at the side of the throat that caused End to shudder.

"Do you think he is dead, Williams?" she asked. "No such luck as that," Williams said, with the air of a confirmed pessimist. "I hope you locked the door there bedroom door and put the key in your pocket, miss. I suppose we'd better send for the doctor, unless you and me puts him out of his misery. There's one comfort, however, Mr. Henson will be in bed for the next fortnight, at any rate, so he'll be powerless to do any harm about the house. The funeral will be over long before he's about again."

The first grey streaks of dawn were in the air as End stood outside the lodge-gate. She was not alone, for a neat figure in grey, marvelously like her, was by her side. The figure in grey was dressed for travelling and she carried a bag in her hand.

"Goodbye, dear, and good luck to you," she said. "It is dangerous to delay."

"You have absolutely everything that you require," End asked. "Everything. By the time you are at breakfast I shall be in London. And once I am there the search for the secret will begin in earnest."

"You are sure that Reginald Henson suspected nothing?" "I am perfectly certain that he was satisfied. Indeed, I heard him say so. Still, if it had not been for the dogs! We are going to succeed, End, something at my heart tells me so. See how the sun shines on your face and how the sun shines on your face and how the sun shines on your face, an omen of a glorious future."

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tine station, for the reason probably
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SIWASHES SPEAK
OF ANOTHER WRECK

SAY VESSEL IS LOST
ON VILLAGE ISLAND

Probably That Only Siwash Story Which
Is Traceable to Elster to
Valencia

(Special to the Times.)
Bamfield, Jan. 30.—Indians just in
from Dodge's Cove, report that the
Sechart Indians speak of another large
steamer wrecked near Village Island
in the middle channel.
Drygoods, oranges and other wreck-
age is coming ashore.
It is thought that this is wreckage
from the Valencia drifting up the
channel.
They also report two white men on
the island.
Saw No Wreck.
Bamfield, Jan. 30.—1:30 p. m.
(Special.)—Fog Emma Grace has just
arrived from the island and reports
that it has seen nothing of any new
wrecks.

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PERSONAL

Among the guests at Government House
to luncheon on Sunday last were Mr. and
Mrs. W. Vandrevil, who are spending the
winter in Victoria. Mr. Vandrevil, al-
though at present holding the govern-
ment appointments at Swift Current,
Sask., originally came from Lethbridge,
Quebec, the home of the Lieut. Governor.
The many friends of W. A. Diet will be
pleased to hear that he is fast recover-
ing, an operation which he underwent
last week.

WAITED ON GOVERNMENT.

Deputations Which Appeared Before the
Premier and Ministers To-day.

Reeve Blaney, of Maple Ridge, and E.
W. Beckett, of Haney, are in the city to-
day waiting upon the government. They
are asking for a grant for a road which
is deemed essential to their part of the
province, and are also asking infor-
mation from the government relative to
what changes are proposed to be made in
the School Act this session. The two
delegates say they are not asking for
any changes, but that the meeting of
recess held in their part of the province
decided to ask for changes. Mr. Blaney
and Mr. Beckett ask now that the gov-
ernment state what will be done in order
that the principal assessors may know
just what to do.

A deputation from Spanish seeking in-
corporation as a municipality also waited
on the government to-day.

WAS UTTER LACK
OF DISCIPLINE

H. BUNKER REFLECTS
ON SHIP'S COMPANY

Life Buys Were Composed of Cork
Chips and Reeds—Some Questions
Wants Answered.

F. F. Bunker, one of the steamer
Valencia survivors who was to have
taken the position of state superin-
tendent of schools, with headquarters
at Seattle, arrived in Victoria this
morning on the steamer Salvo from
the scene of the wreck. Since reaching
here he has been very busy, his
charges in reference to the discipline,
the condition of the life preservers on
the vessel and the utter disregard for
the safety of those having taken pas-
sage on the small boats that were
launched on the night of the disaster,
having been published all over the
continent.

Seen by a Times representative, at
noon to-day, Mr. Bunker stated that
when thinking over the circumstances
of the wreck after reaching shore safely
there were a number of questions
which suggested themselves. These
questions were of a nature which he
made some of these points clear, but
others were still unanswered to his
satisfaction.

His first query had been: "Why did
the three vessels lying off the wreck on
Wednesday morning before it went to
pieces—disappeared—disappear?"

He didn't then know the answer to any of
these vessels with the exception of the
Queen. Her he recognized. He now
understood that when the Salvo left
for Bamfield creek it was understood
that the Queen was to remain there
until dark. Then she was turned
around at slow speed. Instead of doing
that, however, the Queen had turned
away and shortly afterwards encoun-
tered the Topeka, whereupon the fol-
lowing conversation took place be-
tween Capt. Patterson, of the Topeka,
and Capt. Cousins, of the Queen:
"Have you seen anything of the
wreck?" asked the former.
"Yes," was the reply. "I saw it
about three miles west of the wreck."
"What is it?" asked the latter.
"It is about three miles west of the
wreck," said Capt. Patterson.
"You proceed to Victoria and take on your pas-
sengers and speak up on your way out,"
Mr. Bunker wants an explanation of
this action.

He had not yet comprehended why the
Czar should have been ordered to fol-
low the Salvo to Bamfield creek. The
seamen on the latter said it was done
for the purpose of sending the tug to
Sechart to obtain the assistance of the
salvo, which the Salvo, without the
tug, could not have done. "Why
didn't the Salvo go to Bamfield
landed the party and then proceeded to
Sechart herself, and not take away two
boats to do one job?" He was not yet
clear on this point.

Another question Mr. Bunker would
like to have had an answer was Capt.
Johnson's reason for sailing so boldly
in waters known to be dangerous in
thick weather and on dead reckoning.
"But that," he added, "will allow to
pass. Capt. Johnson's deed, and it
will be impossible to get a satisfactory
explanation from anyone else."

"Why was there no discipline?" Mr.
Bunker continued. He stated that it
had been contended by the crew that
order had prevailed throughout. This
he stated was untrue at least from the
time the ship struck until he left her
on the boats. After that it was
possible that they had cooled down
somewhat.

In this connection Mr. Bunker made
a very important statement. He had
been told by two members of the sur-
viving crew whom he had every reason
to believe were speaking in good faith
that the entire crew of the steamer
Valencia had just been transferred
from the City to the fatal trip.

The only exceptions were the
captain and first officer. Thus when
the emergency came no man knew his
boat's station, and the result was con-
fusion. He had just received a tele-
gram from one of these men stating
that he was willing to stand by him
in this "last ditch."

With regard to the life preservers,
Mr. Bunker said he had found two dis-
tinct kinds on the beach on the day
after the catastrophe. One was made
of rush reeds and the other of small
chips of cork ground down from whi-
skey and other bottles corks. The for-
mer absorbed the water early and whi-
cally were a drag, while the others
were little better. He understood from
Capt. Ferris and other seamen that the
only serviceable preserver was that
composed of blocks of solid cork.

In conclusion, Mr. Bunker wanted to
know how it was that a boat's crew of
six men landed safely at Cape Beale
right side up with ease. He had been
told that they had given a credible
report, that they had volunteered to go
to the rescue. If this was so all honor
to them, and for the time he intended
to allow the point to pass.

Mr. Bunker then left the reporter in
order to get into new suit of clothes,
as he was still wearing the old clothes
secured by him after the wreck.

Just as the Times was going to
press news was received from the man-
ager of the Tyee mine at Mount Sicker,
by the provincial mineralogist, that a
rich strike had been made on the 4,600-
foot level.

DIED.
MOIR—On the 27th inst., at Edsall, the
residence of her late husband, the Hon.
Mrs. Edsall, Susan Louisa Glenzie,
relict of the late Stratton Moir, of
Colinet, aged 80.

DEWIDNEY—On the 29th inst., after a
long and painful illness borne with
great fortitude, Jane Shaw, the be-
loved wife of the Hon. E. Dewdney,
aged 64.

The funeral will take place from the
family residence, Rockland avenue, on
Thursday, at 1:30 a. m., and from Christ
Church Cathedral at 3 o'clock.

It is particularly requested that no
flowers be sent.

BODIES RECOVERED
FROM THE WRECK

(Continued from page 1.)

minute, I stood by and figured it,
watch in hand. All this while the
bulkheads held fast and the room
remained perfectly dry. Suddenly the
bulkheads gave way and she filled im-
mediately. Everything was shipshape
and in perfect condition in the en-
gine department at the time we
struck."

RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Lieut. Governor and Premier Mc-
Bride Give Warm Support.

Acknowledgments are coming in from
those to whom the resolutions adopted
at the recent public meeting were for-
warded, soliciting support in the matter
of "better protection" along the West
Coast. Yesterday morning his Worship
received the following from Premier Mc-
Bride:

"Sir—I beg to acknowledge copy of
resolution passed by the mass meeting of
officers of Victoria on Jan. 25th, calling
attention of the Dominion government to
the desirability of increasing the safe-
ty of shipping on the West Coast of
Vancouver Island. I heartily sympathize
with the movement to guard against such
disasters as have lately befallen, and can-
assure you that the provincial govern-
ment will be prepared to lend its assist-
ance in the matter."

In acknowledging receipt of resolution
the Lieut. Governor added:
"I need hardly state how willing I am
to do anything in my power which will
tend to diminish the recurrence of such
disasters, with their attendant deplorable
loss of life and property. I have
transmitted a resolution of the provin-
cial legislature to the Secretary of State at
Ottawa, in which the attention of the
Federal government is directed to the
urgent necessity that exists for the
establishment of lifeboat stations and
for the provision of a steamer on the West
Coast of Vancouver Island."

A SEARCH PARTY.

Number of Seafarers Return From
Scene of the Wreck.

Geo. F. Fay, E. B. Ledy and W. A.
Peters arrived in town this morning on
the Salvo from the scene of the wreck.

Mr. Peters is brother-in-law to one of
the victims, Miss Van Wyck, and with
the two other gentlemen named chartered
the Bahadri at Seattle with the ob-
ject of rescuing or securing the body of
the lady named. On arriving at the
scene they found that they could prac-
tically do nothing to achieve their end.
The body of one woman had been picked
up and the shore was strewn with the
dead, but they could not make a landing.
When the party left this morning the
wreckers were lashing boats to their
steamers and trying to play out to them
as they made shorewards, but so far this
expedition had not proved a success.

The body of a man, supposed to be a pas-
senger named Wilson, had been secured, and
was lying on the dock at Bamfield. It
was generally believed by the rescuing
party that many of the bodies would be
carried towards Barkley Sound, as the
current drives in that direction. There
were eight or nine men at work of rescue
and no doubt many bodies would be
secured. Mr. Peters had sent a couple
of Indians round by the shore, but so far
no bodies had been recovered from them.
Any bodies that are recovered will be
brought down by the Lorne or some other
of the craft on the scene.

BURYING THE BODIES.

Creva Unable to Get Corpses On
Owing to Heavy Sea.

Bamfield, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A re-
port has just been received from
Darting that a crew from the tug
Creva there, but they are unable to
get any bodies off on account of the
heavy sea.

They are going to bury all the bodies
there.

No more bodies have been found
since yesterday.

MRS. DEWDNEY'S DEATH.

Passed Away at Residence, Rockland
Avenue, This Morning—Funeral
on Thursday.

Edge Hill, Rockland avenue, the
home of Hon. Edgar Dewdney, has
been twice thrown into deep mourning
during the past few days. It was only
yesterday that the funeral of the late
Susan Louisa Glenzie, mother of
Mrs. Edgar Dewdney, now deceased,
took place, the old lady having been
96 years of age at the time of death,
and this morning the second and ber-
eavement followed in the passing away
of Mrs. Dewdney, who for some time
has been suffering from cancer. So
sorrow was her affliction that for weeks
Mrs. Dewdney has been an invalid.
Ever cheerful, however, she bore up
under her sickness with remarkable
fortitude. There have been few more
highly esteemed and widely known
ladies in the Dominion than the late
Mrs. Dewdney, her husband having
held very high positions in the politi-
cal life of Canada, at one time being
minister of the interior under the
premiership of Sir John Macdonald,
and at another Lieut. Governor of Brit-
ish Columbia. The grace and tact
which Mrs. Dewdney displayed in
these positions gained for her a very
warm place in the hearts of all with
whom she was brought in contact.

Mrs. Dewdney was a daughter of the
late Stratton Moir, Esq., of Aberdeen,
Scotland, who settled in Ceylon, where
Mrs. Dewdney was born. She arrived
in British Columbia in 1862, the family
taking up their residence at Hope, at
which place she was married to Hon.
Mr. Edgar Dewdney in 1864, and there-
after has resided continuously in the
province except during the time her
husband occupied official positions in
the Northwest Territories and at Ot-
tawa. Deceased leaves no children.

The funeral has been arranged to
take place on Thursday, leaving the
residence, Rockland avenue, at 2:30
o'clock, and Christ church cathedral at
3 o'clock.

The Sunday flower shows at Birm-
ingham public houses, at which the exhib-
its have been held off, have been stopped
by the decision of the magistrates in a
test prosecution under the Gamias Act.

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PREPARING FOR INVASION.

President Castro Mobilizing Troops to
Meet French Soldiers—War Now
Appears Inevitable.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 30.—A Wilhelmstadt,
Germany, dispatch to the Herald, dated
Monday, says:

"A prominent Venezuelan, who has
arrived here from Caracas, says that
President Castro, while supposed to be
resting at Maracaibo, has been actively
engaged in visiting the garrisons and
preparing for an expected invasion
by France."

"Governors of the states have been
called to the capital for instructions,
troops are mobilizing and the impres-
sion of the army has begun. The peo-
ple are apathetic, but will be forced to
fight, though they blame President
Castro for going too far with M.
Tauroy."

"Conservative opinion is that Presi-
dent Castro is putting on a bold front
at the last moment to save his presi-
dency from compliance with the ex-
pected demands from France for an
apology and a salute to the flag."

"President Castro has sent an ex-
tremely violent note to France, and
has personally appealed to the Kaiser
to intervene to save German interests
in Venezuela. He made the same re-
quest to England, but was refused on
the ground of British cordiality with
France."

"Foreign representatives here believe
that war is unavoidable, and contend
that whatever the result of the war,
the nations should take action, as by
President Castro's declaration that dip-
lomats lose all immunity immediately
relations are severed, he refuses to
send ministers abroad, reducing Vene-
zuela to the plane of countries accord-
ed consular officers only."

GENERAL ASSASSINATED.

Man Disguised as a Painter Threw Bomb
as He Was Driving From Palace.

(Associated Press.)
Tiflis, Jan. 29, via St. Petersburg, Jan.
30.—The murder to-day of General Griz-
noff, chief of the staff of the Viceroy of
the Caucasus, was most dramatic and
sudden.

The assassin evidently had studied the
habits of his victim and lay in wait be-
hind a wall of the Alexander garden, op-
posite the entrance of the palace, where
a carriage was drawn up to take the
General for his daily drive.

He impersonated a painter and carried
the bomb with which he committed the
crime concealed in a paint can. He was
able to pass the sentry-posted at the
gates of the park and reached his place
of ambush without arousing suspicion.

While General Griznoff emerged from
the palace and stepped into his carriage
the man sprang from the wall swung the
bomb and the bomb struck the Gen-
eral on the neck. A terrific explosion
followed and Griznoff was hurled
blown out of the carriage, and, with his
coachman and a Cossack orderly, was
instantly killed. A lady who was passing
at the time of the explosion was mortally
wounded.

The assassin has already been caught.
He was beaten into insensibility by the
infuriated soldiers, and, after being load-
ed into a droiki, was carried off to the
ancient fortress above the city, where, as
Tiflis is under martial law, he will prob-
ably be executed at dawn.

The crime undoubtedly was a political
act of vengeance in retaliation for the
General's severity in repressing the re-
volutionists. The identity of the assas-
sin has not been established.

GERMAN STEAMER ASHORE.

Went Aground One Hundred Miles
From Sitka—The Officers and
Crew Saved.

(Associated Press.)
Seattle, Wn., Jan. 30.—A special from
Sitka, Alaska, says that the German
steamer Marie Chan went ashore at
False Bay, 100 miles from that point,
last Thursday. The officers and part
of the crew arrived in Sitka on Sunday
on the steamer George.

The Marie Chan is from Seattle for
Vladivostok on January 16th with
valuable merchandise valued
at \$250,000. This is a total loss, but the
ship may be saved. No lives were lost.

SPORTING NEWS

BASKETBALL.

Y. M. C. A. v. VICTORIA WEST.

In the Victoria West hall last night a
lively match took place between the Y.
M. C. A. and Victoria West juniors. The
game resulted in a victory for the Vic-
toria West team by a score of 24 to 8.
The match was the third played in the
league series.

FERNWOODS v. METEORS.

At the Fernwood Association hall last
night an exciting game of basketball was
witnessed by an enthusiastic crowd. The
contestants were the Fernwoods and the
Metors, the latter a Seattle aggregation
who on Saturday night played the Fifth
Regiment team and lost the game to
them. Last night, however, the visitors
did better, and defeated the Fernwood
five by a score of 24 to 8.

LACROSSE.

MEETING LAST NIGHT.

A well attended meeting of lacrosse en-
thusiasts was held at the Oak Bay hotel
last night for the purpose of discussing
the situation. Rev. Mr. Bolton presided
and reviewed the work of the past year,
expressing the hope that renewed inter-
est would be taken in the game this ses-
sion. A general discussion ensued, with
the result that those present pledged
themselves to renewed energy in support
of the game. No programme was, how-
ever, decided upon, pending certain ar-
rangements yet to be made.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA UNITED v. GARRISON.

A match between the above teams has
been set for Saturday next, but the place
of meeting has not yet been decided. One
of the Garrison stalwarts is on the sick
list, which may possibly result in a
change of date.

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